

**REQUEST AND RESPONSE**

Is it possible for you to provide some additional statistical and qualitative information which I could not find on your website?

As a Local Authority the responsibility for the licensing and maintaining of Health and Safety standards at events, be these in the form of a theatrical performance or a more side show style performance. Therefore my enquiry is focused towards the Licensing and Environmental Health Teams.

The reason for my enquiry is due to a series of anecdotal reports from magicians and escapologists that some local authorities are citing Health and Safety grounds or guidance to restrict or prevent a performance.

As a result, I wonder if you could provide some information in relation to the following questions.

1. Does your Local Authority have a specific policy or restriction related to Escapology (yes or no)

**No**

1. If yes, please provide a link to that policy.
1. In the last 12 months, how many outdoor events have had to be cancelled due to concerns over Health and Safety?

**None**

1. If an event was cancelled, what were the reasons and the date (such as flooded site and 14.10.15)?
1. In the last 12 months have any officers within the Council had reason to request a performer not conduct an escapology related act or stunt, (such as being upside down in a strait jacket or escaping from a burning cage) due to concerns over health and safety?

**No**

1. If so, what were those concerns (such as, no insurance)?
2. Has any guidance been obtained by the local authority from HSE or local HSE office in relation to the public performance of Escapology?

**No**

1. If so, what was that guidance?