



Heart of London Business Alliance
The Business Improvement District

Re Street Urination

The Heart of London represents over 200 businesses in the area of Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square.

It is important for us to understand and respond to the issues and problems that most affect the employees and visitors to the area so that it can be seen as a safe and clean area to work and visit this will add to public reassurance.

As a result one issue is always at the top of the agenda of concerns - urination in the street.

The impact of arriving for work in the morning and finding that your doorway to your business has been used as a toilet over night, the staining across the pavement, the erosion of the door surround as a result of the urine and the foul smell all create an unpleasant start to the day. To add to that the fact that the mail may well be lying in the pool of urine makes matters only worse.

There are 24 hour public toilets in Leicester Square, all late night restaurants, clubs, pubs and other businesses have toilets that are available to customers, the fact that some people fail to use the facilities that are already available shows that the problem is one that is difficult to deal with.

The Heart of London funds on behalf of businesses in the area a cleansing regime that targets popular 'wet spots' cleaning and treating with solutions that breakdown the effects of the urine all at some expense. We work closely with Westminster enforcement and the Police looking at and implementing operations to tackle the problem, both by educating, signposting to toilets and finally enforcement.

For this reason we would urge those in the judiciary to treat this matter seriously and impose penalties that sending a message out to the public that urinating in a public place is a nuisance that is not tolerated.

Yours sincerely

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