

Discount for immediate payment

Conduct which fails to respect public space and other people is prohibited. Contravention of the rules can lead to fines of up to 3,000 €. When a person is fined, the police officer will offer them the possibility of paying the economic sanction at once, with a discount that can be as much as 75% of the total.

Procedure on being fined

The persons accused have to show the police officer their personal identification and tell them the address where they are staying. If a person accused does not identify him/herself, the officer may require him/her to accompany them to the police station for the purpose of identification under current legislation. In Barcelona, failure to co-operate with the municipal agents is an infraction that is liable to a fine of up to 3,000 €.

Measures to encourage and guarantee peaceful coexistence and respect in Barcelona

Behaviour in public areas that may be subject to sanctions under the new city by-law for respecting public areas

A new city by-law to combat anti-social behaviour

As of this year, 2006, the city of Barcelona has introduced a new municipal by-law that regulates and fines those people who make improper use of the city's public space. This by-law is applicable to everyone in the city of Barcelona, whether tourists or residents. Everyone must respect the general norms for peaceful coexistence.



Improper Conduct

Unlicensed street trading



In the city of Barcelona, buying and selling items in public space without a permit –CDs, DVDs, clothes and accessories, sun-glasses, drinks etc.– is an infraction. Both sellers and buyers can be penalised by police officers with fines that can be as high as 1,500 €.



Consumption of alcoholic drinks

Consumption of alcoholic drinks in squares and streets where this might cause a nuisance, and using bottles or cans when not at an authorised pavement bar or café table, can be fined by up to 1,500 €.



Urinating in the street

Relieving yourself in the street, showing very little respect for other people and for the upkeep of public space, is punished with fines that may be as high as 1,500 €.

Offering and requesting sexual services

In Barcelona, offering or requesting sexual services in public space (when this occurs within 200 metres of a school, for example) is punished with fines that may be as high as 1,500 €. Persons offering sexual services in the street are welcome to register on social welfare programmes.



Graffiti and scrawling on walls

Writing or painting graffiti on any item of public property, whether walls of buildings, transport, street furniture, monuments etc., is an infraction that can be punished by fines of up to 3,000 €. Wherever possible, the police officers will oblige infractors to clean off the graffiti they have painted.



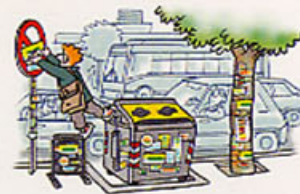
Gambling on the street

For your own safety and for the benefit of all, do not be tempted by street gambling, such as the "trile" on the Ramblas, or tricksters. Avoiding this will also improve the circulation of people on the streets. The police can give fines of up to 3,000 €.

Skates, bicycles and other games



Using roller-skates, skate-boards, bicycles or other similar items, can be penalised. Those who cause a nuisance will be informed by police officers that the practice is not permitted. Those using street furniture for their sport may be fined as much as 1,500 €.



Vandalism

Acts of vandalism, such as the deliberate destruction or putting out of action of any item of street furniture, are penalised by fines that may be as high as 3,000 €. In addition, the people who damage any street furniture will have to pay for its replacement.



Beaches and green areas

On the beaches of Barcelona, failure to obey the safety notices can be considered an infraction liable to a fine. For reasons of hygiene, the use of soaps or other personal hygiene products is forbidden in the public showers. Fines can be as high as 1,500 €.

Other practices that are not permitted



Deliberately disturbing people's peace and quiet, and, in particular, misuse of street furniture and public space is subject to a fine. It is not permitted to sleep on benches in the city of Barcelona: police can fine you for doing so. Nor is the prolonged parking of motor-caravans in public car-parks allowed: this is subject to a fine of up to 750 €.

Economic sanctions

Type of infraction	Sanction
Minor infraction	Up to 750 €
Serious infraction	From 750.01 € to 1,500 €
Very serious infraction	From 1,500 € to 3,000 €