

Use of Ice Cream Van Chimes

THE CONTROL OF POLLUTION ACT 1974 - SECTION 62

What does the law say?

It is an offence to sound the chimes of ice cream vehicles before 12 noon or after 7.00 p.m. It is also an offence to sound chimes, or the audible warning horn of any vehicle AT ANY TIME in such a way as to give reasonable cause for annoyance.

A Code of Practice approved by the Government, gives guidance on methods of minimising annoyance from such vehicles, the main points of which are:

Do not sound chimes [or blow the horn] –

- a] for longer than four seconds at a time
- b] more often than once every three minutes