

48Hours Film Festival - Guidelines for filming in public space within the Ōtautahi Christchurch city boundary (including Banks Peninsula).

Christchurch City Council is generally happy for filmmakers to make the most of our green spaces, parks and streets but asks that you are mindful of the public, the bylaws, and the environment.

Christchurch people are rightly proud of their unique surroundings and want to ensure that they are valued and protected by everybody.

Film Permits

We appreciate that time isn't on your side to apply for a permit, so in the spirit of furious filmmaking - for the duration of the competition only - we do not require 48Hours teams to apply for permits while filming in public spaces but please ensure you comply with the '[no permit guidelines](#)' and take note of the below:

- Do not break the law by filming on roads, stopping or diverting traffic, or putting yourself or members of the public in dangerous or compromising positions – and make sure any vehicles you are using are driven and parked legally.
- Footpaths and public walkways should remain unrestricted for public access – gear should never obstruct a path, but it is okay to politely request pedestrians to hold for a minute or two while the camera is rolling.
- Think about your use of the space you are in, and how public may perceive your group – for example, if you have effects, stunts, weapons being used, or people acting distressed or angry, post crew around your filming area to communicate and reassure public. If your activity could be seen or heard from a distance, you may need to contact your local police or fire station to let them know.
- If you are filming in front of a business, talk to the senior staff or owner to check this is okay, and make sure you do not obstruct potential customers from entering the business.
- If you're filming in a reserve, park or beach, you must make sure you are obeying signposted rules for the area.
- If you're planning any filming at the Christchurch Botanic Gardens, please make sure to email filmingcoordinator@ccc.govt.nz in advance to notify the team. Just a heads-up that filming is not permitted in the Central Rose Garden and Conservatories.

Drones and remotely piloted aircrafts

Most of Christchurch City is located within Civil Aviation Authority controlled airspace.

If you have a drone or remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) in your kit, you must ensure your operator adheres to CAR Part 101 regulation and refers to the following sources.

- [Airshare](#) - An online community with helpful information about using RPAS in New Zealand. Free to register.
- [Civil Aviation Rules](#) - Part 101 and Part 102.

- [Civil Aviation \(external link\) Advisory Circulars](#) - Explanatory information and examples of how to comply with Civil Aviation Rules.
- [Council 'Drones' and Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems Policy](#).

Providing the above regulations are complied with, consent is **not** required if:

- Drone is 1.5kg or less
- Flying over non-permission-required CCC-owned land

Drone consent is **required** if:

- Flying over Council permission-required areas and roads or buildings
- Using a drone heavier than 1.5 kg
- Filming in permission-required areas, including:
 - Heritage/garden parks, cemeteries
 - Within 10 metres of open-air public pools, playgrounds or park boundaries
 - The Council's legal road corridor on the coast – Scarborough Boat Ramp to Godley Head, and on Banks Peninsula.
 - Over Council property at Te Waihora (Lake Ellesmere), Birdlings Flat, Brooklands Lagoon, Travis Wetland, Charlesworth Reserve, McCormack's Bay, South Shore Spit, Bromley Oxidation ponds, Bexley Wetland, Ferrymead Wetland and Linwood Paddock.

Flying over non-CCC properties

CCC cannot grant permission to fly over:

- Private properties
- Non-Council managed land (such as Department of Conservation, Ngāi Tahu, etc.)

Keeping safe

Your team and its members have obligations to keep themselves and others safe while filming:

- The production and all its participants are to comply with the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015; Screensafe Health & Safety Guidelines which can be found [here](#)

Contact us

If you have any questions that are not already answered in the above, please direct these to filmingcoordinator@ccc.govt.nz and welcome@screencanterbury.nz prior to the competition.

Screen CanterburyNZ and Christchurch City Council wish all teams participating in 48Hours 2025 the very best of luck!