

**GUIDANCE FOR HYPNOTISM APPLICATIONS**

**Application for** **consent to conduct an exhibition, demonstration or performance of hypnotism**

You must always use the most up to date version of this form, which is available on our website at [www.southoxon.gov.uk/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences/performances-of-hypnotism/](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences/performances-of-hypnotism/)

There is no fee payable for this consent.

It is important that you fill in the application form as accurately and as fully as possible and that you read and fully understand the declarations before signing them. If there are any parts of the form that you do not understand you should contact the licensing team for advice. We reserve the right to request any additional information that we deem necessary in order to consider the application.

Applications should be made at least 28 days before the proposed performance date(s). The authority may consult other relevant bodies such as the police and fire service prior to determining any application.

Hypnotism is defined in the Hypnotism Act 1952 as hypnotism, mesmerism and any similar act or process which produces or is intended to produce in any person any form of induced sleep or trance in which the susceptibility of the mind of that person to suggestion or direction is increased or intended to be increased, but does not include hypnotism, mesmerism or any such similar act or process which is self-induced.

In the section where you are required to give details of the planned performance, please ensure you confirm whether minders will stay with hypnotised subjects during the show, including any interval. Also, please confirm whether each hypnotised subject will have a separate minder, and if not how many hypnotised subjects a minder will supervise.

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**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT TO CONDUCT AN**

**EXHIBITION, DEMONSTRATION OR PERFORMANCE**

**OF HYPNOTISM**

**Hypnotism Act 1952**

**Please read the guidance on the previous page before completing this application form**

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| Section 1: Applicant details (event organiser) | | |
| Surname: | | Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other: |
| First names (in full): | | |
| Address: | | |
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| Date of birth: | Place of birth: | |
| Telephone/mobile number: | | |
| Email address: | | |

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| Section 2: Details of the hypnotist | | |
| Surname: | | Mr / Mrs / Miss / Ms / Other: |
| First names (in full): | | |
| Home address: | | |
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| Date of birth: | Place of birth: | |
| Telephone/mobile number: | | |
| Email address: | | |
| Stage name: | | |
| Website: | | |
| Is the hypnotist a member of a recognised professional organisation? Yes  No | | |
| If yes, please give details: | | |

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| **Section 3: Venue for the performance** | |
| Name of venue: | |
| Venue manager: | |
| Venue address: | |
| Venue phone number: | |
| Proposed date(s) of performance(s): | |
| Start time:  Please use the 24hr clock, e.g. 10:00 to 20:00 | End time: |
| Maximum number of persons to be admitted for performance: | |
| Detailed description of the planned performance(s) including suggestions to be put to those taking part: | |

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| Section 4: Last three performances | |
| Name of venue: |
| Venue address: |
| Local authority which granted permission: |
| Date(s) of performance(s): |
| Detailed description of the performance(s) including suggestions which were put to those taking part: |

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| Name of venue: |
| Venue address: |
| Local authority which granted permission: |
| Date(s) of performance(s): |
| Detailed description of the performance(s) including suggestions which were put to those taking part: |

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| Name of venue: |
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| Local authority which granted permission: |
| Date(s) of performance(s): |
| Detailed description of the performance(s) including suggestions which were put to those taking part: |

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| Section 5: Refusals of permits |
| Has the hypnotist ever been refused or had a consent for hypnotism withdrawn by any licensing authority? Yes  No |
| Has the hypnotist ever been barred by any relevant professional body Yes  No |
| Has the hypnotist ever been convicted of an offence under the Hypnotism Act 1952, or involving the breach of a condition regulating or prohibiting a performance of hypnotism? Yes  No |
| If YES to any of the above, please give details below: |
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| Section 5: Checklist | |
| I enclose public liability insurance to the value of £5m |  |

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| Declaration |
| I confirm that the information given by me in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that if I make a false statement or omit any relevant information when making this application that I may be committing an offence for which I could be prosecuted, and any consent issued may be revoked.  I will inform South Oxfordshire District Council of any changes to my circumstances that may affect my application which occur during the application period.  I have read and completed this application myself and I am aware of the provisions of the Hypnotism Act 1952.  I have read and understood the privacy notice for licence holders and applicants at [www.southoxon.gov.uk/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences/performances-of-hypnotism/](https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/licensing/alcohol-and-entertainment-licences/performances-of-hypnotism/). I understand that any of the information provided with my application may be disclosed to other agencies such as the Police where there is a legal requirement to do so, for example in relation to the investigation of a suspected offence, or to bodies responsible for auditing and administering public funds for the prevention and detection of fraud.  I understand that the council may request additional information or documentation as appropriate in order to consider the application.  I understand that it is an offence to carry on a performance of hypnotism without first being granted a consent. If granted a consent, I declare that I will comply with such Acts, byelaws and conditions as are in force in the District.  **SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  **PRINT FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_    **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |