

FILMING IN GLASGOW FACTSHEET

General Information

Glasgow Film Office (GFO) is the film office for Glasgow and the surrounding area. We offer free advice and information about filming in the city. The Film Charter for the City of Glasgow was signed in 1997 to ensure that productions filming in Glasgow benefit from support from Glasgow City Council departments. GFO can provide contact details for the film liaison officer in each department in the council.

If you are filming in the city, you are required to adhere to the Code of Practice for Filming in Glasgow. If you are filming in the city for more than 5 days you are required to sign and return the last page of the Code of Practice to GFO along with supporting documents (e.g. insurance documents) prior to commencement of principal photography. Please also give a copy of your schedule to GFO.

Productions filming for less than 5 days are required to observe basic health & safety procedures, respect the concerns of local residents and businesses at the filming location and notify GFO and Strathclyde Police of their proposed shooting schedule.

Both the Film Charter for the City of Glasgow and the Code of Practice for Filming in Glasgow are available on the downloads section of our website.

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Filming in Public Streets and Footpaths

When you plan to film on streets and footpaths you should seek advice regarding necessary permission from GFO. There are different levels of permission required for different streets in the city. Please contact our office for details on this. In all cases, you must notify Strathclyde Police of your filming schedule and also give an indication of the action to be filmed. Please try to give as much notice as possible.

Filming in parks

Parks and pedestrian precinct areas can often play host to events and as such, specific permission is required for filming. You will need to obtain permission from Glasgow City Council Land Services department. Please contact GFO for guidance and again please try to give as much notice as possible.

Police

Strathclyde Police has a member of staff dedicated to dealing with filming enquiries. The Police must be notified of all exterior location filming which takes place within the city. When the proposed filming is likely to have a big impact on a street or road, Police representatives will be invited to a pre-production meeting (generally for large scale productions) which GFO can arrange for you.

Crew

There are over 600 freelance crew based in Glasgow. Film Bang, the Scottish film directory is available online at www.filmbang.com or you can buy a printed copy.

Tel: +44 (0)141 334 2456 Email: info@filmbang.com

Facilities

There are over 100 facility and service companies based in Glasgow. There is an increasingly large post-production sector which adds to the already strong infrastructure. Details of the companies can be found in Film Bang, see above.

Accommodation

Please see our accommodation list for information about Glasgow hotels and apartments. Glasgow Film Office has negotiated preferential rates with the hotels on the list which are offered to production companies subject to availability.