



**Offensive behaviour by licensed drivers –
urinating in the street**

PCO Notice 21/06 highlighted the nuisance caused by licensed drivers urinating in the street, particularly in central London. Since that Notice was issued, the Public Carriage Office and the Metropolitan Police Service have received a further 40 complaints of such behaviour.

All complaints of urinating in the street received by the PCO are passed to the police who will investigate the matter. Offenders are liable to prosecution which could result in a fine and a criminal record.

In the event of a complaint of such conduct being received, the fitness of any taxi or private hire driver concerned to remain licensed will be reviewed and may result in the suspension or revocation of their licence.

To assist drivers find a toilet in the City of Westminster a list of public toilets is attached. Further information including opening times, accessibility and maps showing the locations of these conveniences can be found at www.westminster.gov.uk

Taxi meter bays are already installed in the following locations in the City of Westminster and the PCO is continuing to work with the local authority to identify other suitable locations.

Bolsover Street
Ebury Bridge Road
Horseferry Road
Paddington Street
Palace Street
Regency Street
Warwick Row

Drivers are advised to make use of these facilities when wishing to have a break or use the public conveniences. When using the taxi meter bays all drivers should ensure that they comply with any restrictions regarding times of operation.

It is appreciated that the number of toilets open late at night is limited but in the interest of hygiene, common decency and the reputation of the trade, drivers are asked to act in a professional manner and find alternative facilities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Dowdye', enclosed within a large, hand-drawn oval shape.

Mary Dowdye
Head of Standards & Regulations

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Public Conveniences in the City of Westminster

Wellington Place	junction of Wellington Place & Wellington Road
Salisbury Street	junction with Church Street and Salisbury Street
Marylebone Road	opposite Planetarium
Great Portland Street	by Underground Station, junction with Marylebone Road
Paddington Street	Paddington Street Gardens, Paddington Street junction with Ashland Place
Walterton Road	junction of Elgin Avenue & Harrow Road
Queensway	junction with Queensway & Westbourne Grove
Bayswater Road	Bayswater Road, opposite Queensway
Marble Arch	in subway under Marble Arch fountains
Barrett Street	junction of Barrett Street & James Street
Oxford Circus	north side of junction, on island in middle of Regent Street
Great Marlborough Street	junction with Carnaby Street
Broadwick Street	near Berwick Street market
Piccadilly Circus	in Underground station subway
Leicester Square*	north side of Leicester Square
Covent Garden*	next to St Paul's Church in Piazza
Jubilee Hall	junction with Tavistock Street and London's Transport Museum
Strand	opposite Royal Courts of Justice
Green Park	in Underground station subway
Hyde Park Corner	Knightsbridge, junction with Hyde Park Corner, by bus stops
Kensington Road	opposite Palace Gate, Kensington Gardens

Bressenden Place	in subway, junction with Victoria Street
Embankment	by Embankment Underground Station
Regency Place* (Men only)	junction of Horseferry Road & Regency Street, by taxi rank
Tachbrook Street	by Market, junction with Churton Street
Pimlico Road	Pimlico Road junction with Ebury Street, on island

Source: www.westminster.gov.uk

* Open 24 hours

Details correct October 2007