

**The following may lead to the suspension of a vendors badge
- possibly indefinitely**

- 1.** Obstructing the general public - this includes sitting on the pavement, being a part of a gathering on your pitch, or having a dog that is not under control.
- 2.** Using threatening or aggressive behaviour or offensive language, (including racist, sexist or homophobic comments) at any time whilst acting as a Big Issue vendor.
- 3.** Using threatening or aggressive behaviour towards Big Issue staff or volunteers.
- 4.** Being or appearing to be under the influence of drink or drugs whilst selling or buying The Big Issue magazine.
- 5.** Dealing or consuming drugs on Big Issue property or registered pitches. 'Dealing' includes giving advice, directions or in any way helping someone else obtain drugs. Details of vendors suspected of dealing drugs will be passed onto the police*.
- 6.** Committing any other crime while wearing the Big Issue badge or in any way behaving in a manner likely to bring The Big Issue into disrepute.
- 7.** Selling old editions of the magazine, not offering change or not handing over the magazine, or not wearing a Big Issue vendors badge while selling the magazine.
- 8.** Begging or busking whilst wearing your Big Issue badge or while holding a Big Issue magazine. You must not sell in any way associated with begging, such as sitting, lying down, or using a bowl for money.
- 9.** Knowingly selling magazines to de-badged or suspended vendors, or vendors who have been refused magazines from the office.
- 10.** Arguing or fighting over pitches with other vendors or those who make a living on the streets.
- 11.** Not adhering to your Big Issue office's pitch systems at all times.
- 12.** Not adhering to local bye-laws.
- 13.** Not co-operating with staff if they feel selling the magazine is making your situation worse and increasing the problems you have.
- 14.** If we feel you might be especially vulnerable, or if you may be a threat to yourself, other vendors or the public.