



Code of Conduct for Stand-Up Comedians

Upholding Respect, Safety, and Professionalism in Our Comedy Community

Introduction

Thank you so much for agreeing to be part of our Funnyside Up Comedy nights. We aim to support comedians to have a platform to showcase their talent. To support comedy to be a safe space for everyone, we are proud members of 'Get Off Live Comedy' which we hope gives you confidence that we take our safeguarding responsibilities to you and others seriously.

We are grateful to all stand-up comedians who generously perform free of charge at our venue. To foster a positive, respectful, and inclusive environment for all, we have established this Code of Conduct. By appearing at Funnyside Up, you agree to abide by these guidelines, which are designed to ensure the safety and enjoyment of both performers and audience members.

'Get Off Live Comedy', an initiative that supports comedy clubs in tackling and preventing sexual harassment within the live comedy scene. Our commitment is to provide a safe space for all, free from harassment and discrimination.

Expected Behaviour

- **Respect for All:** Treat fellow comedians, audience members, staff, and organisers with courtesy and respect at all times, both on and off stage.
- **Inclusivity:** Avoid material or behaviour that is discriminatory, harassing, or abusive on the basis of gender, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, disability, or any other protected characteristic.
- **Safe Environment:** Do not engage in or condone any form of sexual harassment, bullying, or intimidation. This applies to interactions with audience members, staff, and fellow performers.
- **Performance Content:** While comedy often challenges boundaries, please consider the impact of your material. Avoid jokes or comments that normalise or trivialise harassment, abuse, or discrimination.
- **Alcohol and Substance Use:** If consuming alcohol or other substances, do so responsibly and ensure it does not affect your behaviour or performance.

- Feedback and Concerns: If you witness or experience behaviour that breaches this Code of Conduct, please report it to the event organiser or designated contact in confidence. We will take all reports seriously and act accordingly.

Commitment to 'Get Off Live Comedy'

As members of 'Get Off Live Comedy', we are dedicated to implementing best practices for preventing and addressing sexual harassment in our club. This includes regular training for staff, clear reporting procedures, and a zero-tolerance policy for harassment or abuse.

By performing at Funnyside Up, you support our commitment to a safe and respectful comedy community.

Declaration

By appearing at our venue, you confirm that you have read, understood, and agree to abide by this Code of Conduct. We reserve the right to withdraw performance opportunities from anyone found to be in breach of these guidelines.

Contact Information

For questions, concerns, or to report a breach of this Code of Conduct, please contact the event organiser or speak directly to our designated safeguarding officer.

Thank you for helping us keep live comedy safe, welcoming, and enjoyable for all.

