

Black Country Car Cruising Injunction

A car cruising injunction has been secured in Wolverhampton, Dudley, Sandwell and Walsall, forbidding people from participating in a "car cruise" anywhere within the four boroughs, or to promote, organise or publicise any car cruising event within the same Black Country area.

"Car Cruising" means 2 or more motor vehicles (including motorbikes). "Participating in car cruising" means being the driver of, or being carried in (or on), a motor vehicle (including motorbikes)

The injunction prohibits a number of activities typically associated with car cruising, including speeding, racing and driving in convoy, performing stunts, sounding horns or playing music as to cause a significant public nuisance, using foul or abusive language and threatening, intimidating behaviour and causing an obstruction on a public highway, whether moving or stationary.

It also prohibits a number of consequences associated with car cruising, including excessive noise, danger or risk of injury to road users and pedestrians, damage or risk of damage to property and significant risk of harm, public nuisance and annoyance to the public.

Anyone suspected of breaching the injunction will be at risk of being in contempt of court, for which an adult can face up to two years in prison and a fine. In addition, police retain their powers in relation to traffic offences including driving without insurance, driving an unroadworthy vehicle and driving without due care and attention.

Anyone who witnesses a car cruise on the public highway or publically accessible place is asked to call police on 101.