

**Vancouver
Panhandler's
Rights**

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The courts have stated that people have a right to panhandle. The ability to provide for myself is protected under section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms. I am allowed to panhandle as long as it doesn't cause an 'obstruction of the street'.

This means I can panhandle where I need
Unless:

- *I am panhandling while sitting or lying down in a way that is blocking other people from getting by.
- * I am continuing to ask change from a person that has already said no.
- *I am panhandling in a group of three or more people.
- *I am panhandling within 10 metres of a bank, credit union, trust company and ATM.
- *I am panhandling in a way that stops street traffic from getting through.

If I am NOT doing the above five things I have a right to be panhandling.

My rights while I'm panhandling mean that the Downtown Vancouver Business Improvements Assosication's 'Downtown Ambassadors' have no legal authority to ask me to move on. I am also aware that the panhandling bylaw does not affect squeegee kids or people who sell papers because they are offering a service for payment.