



Permissions Checklist for High-Risk Filming in Mumbai (2026 Edition)

High-Risk Filming Permissions Guide – Mumbai (BMC, Police, Fire & Local Bodies)

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Purpose:

This checklist provides a structured, step-by-step framework for securing permissions for high-risk and high-volume filming in Mumbai. It covers municipal approvals, police coordination, fire safety clearances, and private/local body permissions, including residential societies. The objective is to minimise rejections, delays, penalties, and last-minute shutdowns during principal photography.

Disclaimer:

This guide serves as a general operational reference. Final requirements, fees, and timelines depend on location, scale, and risk profile. Always validate with the concerned authority before submission.

Section 1: Pre-Application Preparation (Mandatory Foundation)

Assess Shoot Classification

Determine whether your shoot qualifies as:

- High-Risk:
 - Stunts or action choreography
 - Crowd scenes exceeding 500 people
 - Use of drones, cranes, cable cams
 - Fire, smoke, explosions, pyrotechnics
 - Night shoots on active roads
- High-Volume:
 - Multiple locations in a single schedule
 - Crew size exceeding 100 personnel
 - Equipment-heavy setups (generators, base vans, trucks)

Correct classification dictates which authorities must be approached and in what sequence.

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Location Scouting & Ownership Mapping

- Identify public vs private jurisdiction clearly
- For private locations, document:
 - Society name, registration details
 - Managing committee contacts
 - Parking, access, and evacuation constraints
- For public locations, map ward boundaries (A–T wards)

Risk Assessment & Safety Planning

Prepare an internal Risk Assessment Report covering:

- Traffic disruption impact
- Fire and electrical hazards
- Crowd ingress/egress points
- Emergency response time
- Nearest hospitals and fire stations

This document becomes a critical attachment for Police and Fire approvals.

Budget Allocation (Indicative Ranges – 2026)

- BMC: ₹10,000 – ₹1,00,000
- Mumbai Police / Traffic Police: ₹5,000 – ₹50,000
- Fire Department: ₹2,000 – ₹20,000
- Residential Societies / Private Owners: ₹5,000 – ₹50,000 per day
- Contingency (recommended): 15–20%

Timeline Planning

- Standard approval window: 4–8 weeks
- Add buffer for:
 - Monsoon season (June–September)
 - Festivals (Ganesh Chaturthi, Diwali)
 - Elections or VIP movements

Team Assignment

Appoint a single-point coordinator (usually the Line Producer) responsible for:

- Authority liaison
- Document tracking
- On-ground compliance

Section 2: Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Permissions

When BMC Permission Is Mandatory

- Public roads, footpaths, beaches, parks
- Heritage precincts



- Any shoot impacting civic infrastructure
- High-volume unit movements

Application Workflow

1. Download the filming permission form from mumbai.gov.in
2. Submit:
 - Script synopsis (non-sensitive scenes highlighted)
 - Shoot dates & daily schedule
 - Crew and vehicle list
 - Location map with barricading plan
 - Insurance certificate (minimum ₹1 crore public liability)
3. Fee payment through the designated online portal

High-Risk Attachments

- Crowd management plan
- Risk mitigation & emergency response plan
- Waste management & site restoration note

Timeline

- 2–4 weeks (longer for heritage or high-footfall zones)

Jurisdiction

- Apply to the relevant Ward Office

(e.g., A Ward – South Mumbai, K East – Andheri East)

Common Causes of Rejection

- Incomplete insurance coverage
- Environmental impact concerns
- Vague crowd control plans

Post-Approval Obligations

- Permit must be displayed on-site
- Compliance with BMC waste disposal norms
- Restoration of public property post-shoot

Section 3: Mumbai Police Permissions

When Police Permission Is Required

- Traffic diversion or stoppage
- Crowd control and security deployment
- Filming near stations, markets, government buildings
- Use of prop weapons or action choreography

Application Steps

1. Approach the local police station or Traffic Police HQ
2. Submit:
 - BMC permission (if applicable)
 - Detailed security & crowd control plan



- Indemnity bond
- Society NOC for private locations
- 3. Pay prescribed fees

High-Risk Specifics

- Details of stunt coordinators
- Emergency medical arrangements
- Time-bound shooting windows

Timeline

- 1–3 weeks, depending on location sensitivity

Common Rejections

- Past violations by production house
- Peak-hour scheduling
- Insufficient security deployment

Post-Approval Compliance

- Coordinate daily with assigned officers
- No firearm or explosive props without explicit clearance

Section 4: Fire Department Permissions

When Fire Clearance Is Mandatory

- Pyrotechnics, open flames, smoke effects
- Diesel generators
- Enclosed locations or heritage buildings

Application Workflow

1. Apply via mumbaifire.gov.in
2. Submit:
 - Fire safety & evacuation plan
 - Equipment and material list
 - Certified fire marshal details
3. Request site inspection
4. Pay inspection and clearance fees

High-Risk Requirements

- Mandatory test runs
- On-site fire tender for major effects
- Standby fire personnel during shoot

Timeline

- 2–4 weeks, including inspection

Common Rejections

- Non-certified equipment
- Absence of extinguishers or safety exits



Post-Approval

- Fire team must remain on-site
 - Any incident must be reported immediately
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Section 5: Local Bodies & Residential Societies

When Required

- Housing societies
- Gated communities
- Private roads and commercial complexes

Application Steps

- Submit a formal proposal outlining:
 - Shoot purpose and timings
 - Crew size and equipment
 - Noise and access impact
- Provide insurance coverage for property damage
- Obtain resident consent if disruption is significant
- Pay society usage charges

High-Risk Conditions

- Structural engineer clearance for stunts
- Controlled crowd size
- Emergency evacuation plan

Timeline

- 1–2 weeks, faster with film-friendly societies

Post-Approval

- Adhere strictly to society rules
 - Restore premises post-shoot
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Section 6: Integrated Approval Workflow

1. Secure location owner/society approval
2. Apply for Police NOC
3. Obtain Fire clearance (if applicable)
4. Submit compiled approvals to BMC (if required)

Private locations often precede municipal approvals.

Section 7: Master Documentation Checklist

- Script / storyboard
- Shoot schedule & location maps



- Crew & equipment list
 - Insurance certificates
 - Risk assessment report
 - Indemnity bonds
 - Fee receipts
 - All authority NOCs
 - Emergency contact sheet
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Section 8: Post-Shoot Compliance

- Complete site cleanup
- Obtain sign-off from location owner/authority
- Submit completion report where required
- Document learnings for future shoots

Penalties for Non-Compliance:

- Fines up to ₹5 lakh
 - Permit revocation
 - Temporary or permanent blacklisting
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References & Resources:

- BMC Guidelines: <https://mumbai.gov.in/filming>
- Mumbai Police: mumbaipolice.gov.in
- Fire Brigade: <https://mumbaifire.gov.in>
- For line producer support: [line producer in India 2026 guide](#)
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