

University of Bristol Rules and Guidelines in Relation to Parties

Local rules and regulations for student behaviour in the community

<https://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/media/docs/policies-procedures/local-rules-community.pdf>

“The University of Bristol enforces rules which state that students must respect local residents and be considerate to the local community.

Students are responsible for visitors to their homes.

Disciplinary action may be taken in the case of: *(See document for full list)*

- Excessive noise that causes a disturbance to other residents **at any time of day or night.**
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Parties — Excerpted from ‘**Guide to community living**’ webpage:

<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/private-rented/living-in-private-rented-accommodation/living/>

“If you have a party, manage it so that no disturbance is caused to those living around you. Let your neighbours know if you are planning to have a few friends over **but for anything more you should move the party to a venue in town.** **Notifying your neighbours does not justify keeping them awake.** *(See page for full text)*

“Even the best planned parties can get out of hand and result in unwanted guests, urine, vomit and litter in the street and damage to cars and properties. You are also responsible for your guests’ behaviour, inside and outside the house.

“Houses in residential areas are not suitable for large, late, loud parties.” Everyone is entitled to socialise in their own home but not at the expense of others, and neighbours should not be expected to tolerate this level of disturbance.

Holding a house party that disturbs your neighbours and incurs complaints could mean you will be:

- Fined £100 per housemate
- Required to attend and pay for an anti-social behaviour impact awareness session
- Required to write a letter of apology to your neighbours
- Reported to your Head of School

Your party is likely to be unacceptable to your neighbours if you are considering any of the following:

- Hiring a DJ or professional sound equipment
 - Hiring door staff
 - **Inviting more than three guests per housemate** (this could also be a health and safety/fire hazard and breach your tenancy agreement)
 - Loud past 10pm on week nights
 - **Loud past midnight on Friday or Saturday nights**
 - Soundproofing the walls and windows (this could also create a fire hazard)
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