



Noisy parties

In Minneapolis, it is unlawful to:

- Participate in noisy and unruly gatherings,
- Use sound amplification without a special city permit, or
- Permit your property to be used for noisy or unruly assemblies.

These laws are denoted in Chapter 389 of the Minneapolis, Minn. Code of Ordinances.

To have these laws enforced, call 911 when the disturbance is occurring. Arriving officers may do one or a combination of the following:

- Warn the individuals to become quiet and/or break up the party. (If the party continues and the police are called back, the officers are more apt to cite participants if they have been warned.)
- Cite individuals who are hosting and participating in the activity. The maximum penalty for most citations is a fine of \$1,000 or 90 days in jail, or both. Individuals who are cited by officers are not usually removed from the premises in a police car.
- Document the event for additional actions, including possible action against the property owner or landlord.

After an event which is between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., a Police Department crime prevention specialist may send a warning under City Ordinance §389.65 to the owner of the property, whether the property is rental or owner-occupied. The warning outlines that if there is another similar event within the next 180 days, the owner can be fined \$200; and for each event after that the fine will double to up to \$2,000. This letter must be sent within 10 working days of the event. If parties persist at a property, the property owner can lose the right to hold a rental license on the property. Usually the owner corrects the problem well before it rises to this level.

What you can do:

- **Call 911 when the disturbance is occurring.** Note that 911 calls are prioritized, with life-threatening situations and in-progress property crimes being dispatched before party calls. Party calls are then dispatched in the order received.
- **Call 911 back if the situation changes** i.e. if the party ended, breaks up, reconvened or the situation escalates.
- **Contact the owners of properties which affect your livability.** If you are disturbed by noise at a property, report activity to the owner and offer to go to Housing Court as a witness if there's a lease violation.
- **Consider the Conflict Resolution Center to mediate the issue.** Find out more about the Conflict Resolution Center at www.crcminnesota.org, or by calling 612-822-9883.



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Spanish: Atención. Si desea recibir asistencia gratuita para traducir esta información, llame 612-673-2700

Somali: Ogow. Haddii aad dooneyso in lagaa kaalmeeyo tarjamadda macluumaadkani oo lacag la' aan wac 612-673-3500

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