

University of Bristol Rules and Guidelines in Relation to Parties

Access all information below via UoB's "Guide to community living page" at this link:
<http://www.bristol.ac.uk/accommodation/privately-rented/living-in-privately-rented-accommodation/living/>¹

Local rules and regulations for student behaviour in the community

(Go to link above, see document link in section headed "Parties")

These rules apply to student behaviour in private rented accommodation. They say that disciplinary action may be taken in cases of:

"Excessive noise that causes a disturbance to other residents **at any time of day or night**"

Parties – Key guidance

(Go to link at top of page, see section headed "Parties")

"**Please don't hold large gatherings (or house parties) in your property,** and do your best not to disturb those living around you. Everyone is entitled to socialise in their own home, but not at the expense of others.

"Houses in residential areas are not suitable for large, late, loud gatherings and local residents have been subjected to sleepless nights because of parties and excessive noise from students across the area. **The students causing this disturbance have broken the law, their tenancy agreements and breached several of the University's disciplinary codes,** which can have a negative effect on their future prospects."

"... **you are responsible for your guest's behaviour, inside and outside the house.**"

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

- Fined up to £250 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.

"**In the case of serious or repeated misconduct, penalties may include exclusion, suspension or expulsion from the University.**"

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

- Exceeding the total number of individuals permitted in the property, as stated in your tenancy agreement.
- **Hiring a DJ or professional sound equipment.**
- **Hiring door staff.**
- Soundproofing the walls and windows (this could also create a fire hazard)."

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¹ If there is any discrepancy between my summary and the university page, the latter prevails.