

PARTY RESPONSIBLY

When Going To or From a Party,
Keep Noise to a Minimum.

Never Carry an Unsealed Container of
Alcohol on a Public Sidewalk, Street,
Parking Lot, or Other Public Area.
Keep Your Open Alcohol at The Party.

If Alcoholic Beverages are Being Sold
Illegally, Leave Immediately.

Respect Your Hosts' and Their
Neighbors' Property.

Use a Restroom,
Rather Than The Great Outdoors.

Don't Trespass • Don't Litter
Park Legally

Know When To Say When. And Then Do It.

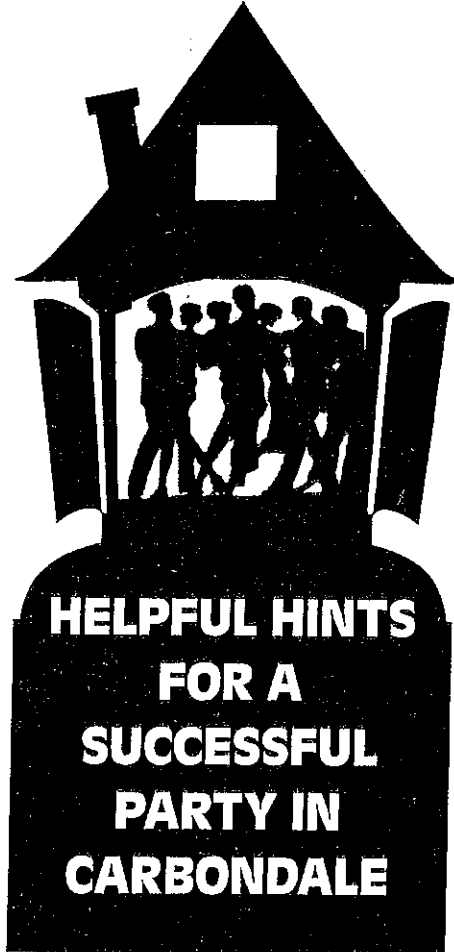
Have Designated Driver So You Can
Be Sure You'll Live To Party Again!



For more information on how to plan
a successful party
contact the SIU Wellness Center at
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Celebrating special occasions... or just weekends... can be great reasons to host a party at your residence. But along with the fun and merriment come significant responsibilities.

To ensure that your party is successful, it's important that you take into account your neighbors' reactions, your guests' behavior, and your liabilities. All of these things may determine whether your festivities continue happily uninterrupted... or end in unexpected losses, arrest, or even tragedy. Here are a few tips:

PLANNING THE PARTY...

Have a guest list and restrict attendance to the people you have invited. Word can spread quickly when it comes to parties, so be prepared to turn people away.

Lock up your valuables, and don't leave expensive possessions out on display. Thieves or burglars do attend large unrestricted parties in order to steal things or plan later burglaries. Sometimes alcohol consumption causes normally honest people to do things they wouldn't ordinarily do, like remove your possessions.

Let your neighbors know you are planning a party.




Flyers invite large crowds and the problems that go with them, so you are encouraged to invite only a limited number of guests.

Be prepared in case guests arrive who are under 21 years old... have a supply of soda or other non-alcoholic beverages available.

DURING THE PARTY

Be available to answer calls from your neighbors.

Monitor your party...

-  to ensure that noise levels do not become excessive.
-  to ensure that everyone consuming alcohol is over 21 years old.
-  to ensure that parking, trespass, littering, public urination, or other violations do not occur.

Don't let your guests leave drunk. Hosts can be held legally responsible for their guests' actions, even after they have left your party.



DID YOU KNOW IT'S AGAINST THE LAW TO...

- ☆ Furnish alcoholic beverages for money or other consideration. This includes charging for cups or entertainment and then providing "Free" alcoholic beverages.
- ☆ Allow anyone to use your premises to sell alcoholic beverages for money or other consideration.
- ☆ Furnish alcoholic beverages to anyone under the age of 21. (It's your responsibility to determine that guests or friends are old enough to drink before you serve them.)
- ☆ Misrepresent your age in order to obtain alcoholic beverages.
- ☆ Loiter in an area where alcoholic beverages are being sold or bought illegally.
- ☆ Possess an unsealed container of alcohol while on public property.
- ☆ Inhale, sell, distribute Nitrous oxide (N2O).
- ☆ Transport kegs of beer after 10 pm.



NO NOISE IS GOOD NOISE...

To maintain a pleasant community environment for all Carbondale residents, citizens are prohibited from operating a sound amplification device (for example, a stereo) in such a way that the sound can be heard...

- ❖ more than 100' away during daytime hours (7am - 10pm) or
- ❖ more than 50' away during the night time hours (10pm - 7am)

If the City receives a complaint about loud music or a loud party, police will respond and take appropriate action. This might involve...

- ❖ Identifying the responsible persons (usually the residents) and warning them that the noise level must be reduced or...
- ❖ Identifying the responsible person and making an arrest for identified violations of the city "noise ordinance" and/or...
- ❖ Issuing citation or making arrests for any other identified city or state violations (such as illegal parking, underage possession of alcohol, etc.)

City ordinance prohibits operating a sound amplifying device on a public right of way in such a manner that it can be heard more than 50 feet away. The state vehicle code prohibits operating a sound amplification system which can be heard more than 75 feet away when the vehicle is being operated upon a roadway.



IF THE POLICE ARRIVE...

Party hosts should meet with officers as soon as they arrive so that officers don't have to go looking for them in order to give warnings, etc.

Hosts should advise guests to remain calm and uninvolved so that the hosts and officers can speak without interruption in order to address any problems.

- ❖ Once the hosts have been made aware of problems with their parties, they should immediately take needed steps to eliminate violations. (Note: Police aren't required to give warnings, they can go immediately to arrest procedures if the situation warrants. If the police return, arrests are likely.)
- ❖ If an arrest occurs, everyone should remain calm and allow the officers to do their job without any interference.
- ❖ If there is resistance or violence, more serious charges, with higher bond amounts, may be filed.
- ❖ The Carbondale Police Department maintains a "party log" which tracks party-related contacts throughout the semester. Once police contact has occurred, residents are responsible for knowing all laws as they regard to parties and should not plan on any more warnings. Officers are not limited to addressing only the complaint involved. If they see other violations or unusual behavior, they can investigate and take enforcement action immediately.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED, YOU CAN EXPECT THE FOLLOWING...

- ❖ Your party may be shut down, and your guests may be told to leave.
- ❖ Beer kegs, alcohol, cash and any other evidence at the scene may be confiscated and taken to the police station.
- ❖ You may be handcuffed and transported in a squad car to the police station, where you may be fingerprinted and photographed.
- ❖ You may have to post \$75.00 cash bond.
- ❖ Once the bond is posted you are free to leave, but you may be required to appear in court on a later date.
- ❖ You may have a local police record.
- ❖ Fines for ordinance violation convictions range from \$50.00 to \$750.00, but underage possession or consumption of alcohol has a minimum fine of \$250.00
- ❖ Once in city court, the city must prove you were guilty of the offense, rather than you having to prove you were innocent. The standard of proof, however, is by the "preponderance of evidence", rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt". This means that if it appears 51% likely that you committed the offense, you will be found guilty.

