

Holiday Party

Dear Tenants,

(Insert holiday) is a fun time of year, but can also have the potential for citations if you decide to host a loud and unruly party. In collaboration with [Chapman University's Office of Community Relations](#), I want to share some reminders to have a safe weekend:

Let your neighbors know beforehand - If you decide to host a gathering, give your neighbors a heads up. Make sure they have your contact information in case any issues arise and share your plan to manage noise and traffic to minimize any disruptions.

Remember, even if you inform your neighbors about your party in advance, they can still call the police. You are still responsible for obeying city laws, and it is still possible to receive a citation for a loud and unruly gathering. If the police show up at your house or contact you to give you a warning, do not ignore them. Be respectful and let them know you will shut it down.

Be aware of Orange ordinances - Remember, violations of the law are also a violation of the Chapman Student Code of Conduct and can result in sanctions such as educational workshops, fines, or a separation from campus.

1. **Noise:** There are noise-related ordinances in the City of Orange that, if violated, can result in expensive tickets. Keep your neighbors in mind if you plan to have guests or play music outside, and closely monitor noise levels after 10 p.m. to avoid receiving a noise disturbance ticket. If your house receives a formal warning for a noise violation, make sure to inform all of your roommates.
2. **Alcohol:** It is illegal to possess or consume alcohol under the age of 21. It is illegal to provide alcohol to someone under the age of 21. Serving underage individuals could result in a fine of up to \$1,000, or even jail time.
3. **Fireworks:** The use and possession of fireworks in Orange are always illegal. This includes sparklers, snaps, snakes, bottle rockets, roman candles and smoke bombs. You can also be held responsible for fireworks used by your roommates and guests.

4. **Littering and trash:** Keep your neighborhood clean and reduce your impact on the environment by picking up your trash. Make sure your guests dispose of trash properly and clean up immediately after any gatherings to avoid trash-related citations.
5. **Lock windows and doors:** Don't leave yourself open to a crime of opportunity. Make sure you close and lock all windows and doors, and don't leave valuables out and visible from outside.

Be safe - I hope that you will have a safe and fun (insert holiday).