

Having A Party?

Don't Get Busted!

Your neighbors have probably lived in their homes for a long time. **They care about their community and would welcome knowing that you care about it as well. Take the time to meet them and find out what is important to them.** You may be able to help them and vice versa!

Want to know what your neighbors are thinking?

- Will you keep the apartment or home you are renting clean or will trash and unkempt lawns be a problem?
- Will the noise level be off the charts or will you be respectful of their needs (especially families with small children)?
- When you have friends over will you be responsible for their behavior (parking cars on the lawn, shouting, increased traffic, litter)?

Planning A Party?

- Talk to your neighbors beforehand
- Give them your phone number so they can call you if a problem arises
- Check outside periodically to observe what's happening
- Provide food and non-alcoholic drinks for your guests
- Make sure everyone who has been drinking has safe transportation home

Overcrowding can lead to problems. It is impossible to control a loud and boisterous crowd.

Protect Yourself

Know The Law!

Noise Ordinance- In Baltimore County is in effect from 11 p.m. until 7 a.m. There is also a "no undue noise" ordinance that prohibits extreme noise levels at any time.

Open Container Law – It is illegal for a person to possess an open container of an alcoholic beverage in a public place. Fines range from \$500 for a first time offense to \$1000 for a subsequent offense.

Underage Drinking Law- It is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or have within their control any alcoholic beverage. Fines range from \$500 for a first offense to \$1000 for a subsequent offense.

Furnishing Alcohol for Underage Consumption- It is illegal to knowingly furnish or purchase alcohol for consumption by an individual under 21. Fines range from \$500 for a first offense to \$1000 for a subsequent offense.

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