



Safe Party Tips

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Street Closures

For information regarding street closures, please contact:

- City of Los Angeles, Bureau of Street Services, Street Closure Desk, at (213) 485-3711.

Amplified Sound

For information regarding the use of amplified sound, please contact:

- Los Angeles Police Department, Emergency Operations Section, Special Events Planning Unit, at (213) 473-8501.

Admission Fees

Always remember that it is unlawful for any person in the City of Los Angeles to host a party at a private residence and to charge participants an admission fee of any kind.



You may contact the Los Angeles Police Department by calling the following, toll free, at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired. You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at www.lapdonline.org and clicking on the "Crime Prevention Tips" icon.

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or the LAPD crime hotline at 1-877-LAWFULL (1-877-529-3855).

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The purpose of this brochure is to impart basic crime and violence prevention techniques for increasing the "safety and security" of individuals attending and/or involved in the hosting or planning of a large party or celebration. The Los Angeles Police Department is increasingly faced with the problem of policing large parties and celebrations involving hundreds of participants. A large party or celebration should be a "joyous occasion" for everyone involved and a "special event" where lasting memories are made. However, large parties and celebrations occasionally spiral out of control and crime and acts of violence sometimes occur. This crime and violence can be avoided. The following crime and violence prevention tips will help all concerned make parties and celebrations "safe and secure" and more enjoyable for everyone.

Party Crime and Violence Prevention Planning Tips

- Be prepared for the unexpected. If you are the host or directly involved in the planning of a large party make sure you contact your local Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Community Police Station and inform the LAPD Watch Commander regarding the date, time and the number of guests you expect to attend. This will allow police officers working the area to more effectively monitor and patrol the party and to be better prepared to prevent party crime and violence.
- Make sure guests understand they do not have the right to do anything they want merely because they are on private property. Disturbing the peace is illegal on private as well as public property.
 - Do not allow guests to make unusual amounts of noise or do anything that would disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. Always remember that loud music, fighting, quarreling or offensive behavior all fit into the category of disturbing the peace.
 - Make sure guests understand that



standing on a public street or sidewalk under the influence of alcohol is a misdemeanor crime. Always remember that just because one of your guests is standing or sitting near the party location he and/or she is still not exempt from the California law which prohibits being drunk in public.

- Do not allow guests to leave the party location with an open container and/or glass of beer, wine, hard liquor, mixed drink, cocktail or other alcoholic beverage. Always remember that streets and sidewalks in and around the party location are considered public property.
- Inform guests that police officers must respond to all emergency calls for service. If neighbors complain that the party is too loud and is getting out of control, it is the responsibility of assigned Los Angeles police officers to investigate the complaint.
- Do not allow guests to harass, assault or interfere in any way with police officers who are responding to a emergency call to keep the peace at a party that is out of control. It is a misdemeanor for anyone to harass, assault or interfere with police officers attempting to perform their legal duties to keep the peace and to enforce the law.
- Make sure to inform guests that in case something goes wrong and Los Angeles police officers are ordered to the scene of the party, guests must obey police officers and disperse when ordered to do so. Always remember that it is a misdemeanor crime to disobey a lawful order from police officers to disperse when the police officers have declared the party to be an unlawful assembly.
- Do not allow your party to get out of control. Always remember that planning a party in advance will help you organize activities to keep guests interested and involved. Also remember that large parties and celebrations, especially when they involve very large numbers of young people can turn violent and ugly in a very short time.
- Make sure to request invited guests to select a member of their group to act as the designated driver for their group. The goal of the designated driver program is to encourage one individual to abstain from consuming alcoholic beverages for an outing so that he or she can be responsible for transporting the other members of the group safely.



- Do not allow guests to use dangerous drugs or marijuana. A firm warning from the host that drug abuse will not be tolerated at the party will prevent serious problems later on.

Los Angeles Police Department First Response To A Loud Party

The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) will respond to all complaints of loud noise associated with a party or gathering. The LAPD officers responding for the "first time" to a complaint of a loud party or gathering will serve the person responsible for the party or gathering with the Loud Party Warning Notice (LAPD Form 2.95). The Loud Party Warning Notice will inform the person responsible for the party or gathering that if a second response to the location is necessary, a citation can be issued for violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.58 (Loud Party Ordinance).

Los Angeles Police Department Second Response To A Loud Party

The LAPD officers responding for the "second time" to a complaint of a loud party or gathering can cite the person responsible for the party for violation of Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 41.58 (Loud Party Ordinance). This citation will serve as documentation for the City Clerk to bill the person responsible for the party or gathering where additional police personnel or resources are used during a "second response" to the loud party or gathering.