KNOW THE CODE

Chapman University has jurisdiction over student behavior that occurs off campus if the behavior adversely affects the University community and/or the pursuit of its objectives.

THE STUDENT CONDUCT CODE is an important document for all Chapman University students. Students are responsible for their own conduct from the time they apply for admission through the time they actually receive their degree, regardless of whether:

1. The conduct occurs on or off-campus,
2. The conduct occurs before classes begin or after classes end, or
3. The conduct occurs during the academic year or during breaks between terms of actual enrollment (including summers).

Chapman has continuing jurisdiction over students charged with violating the Code who graduate or withdraw from the University while they have conduct proceedings that are still active or pending.

THE BOTTOM LINE is that you and your roommates should be informed about Chapman University's policy and procedures and how they affect you. Breach of Peace policy violations impact individuals and full households of students. Take the time to educate yourself and talk to your roommates to prevent future conduct violations.

GET INSIDER KNOWLEDGE

Set yourself and your roommates up for success by attending a Good Neighbor Course hosted by Chapman to learn about University and city policies and get tips for building relationships with neighbors. Classes are 2 hours long and are offered throughout the year. Sign up for the course at https://goo.gl/Ttb5f2.

READ THE FULL CONDUCT CODE ONLINE: WWW.CHAPMAN.EDU/CONDUCT

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS

START OFF RIGHT by building good relationships with your neighbors and developing open lines of communication. You and your roommates should be on the same page about expectations. The following are some ways to take proactive steps to avoid policy violations:

TALK TO YOUR NEIGHBORS — Make an effort to get to know all of your neighbors and let them know when you are hosting a gathering that potentially could impact them. Ask for their feedback to see how you can take your neighbors' needs and concerns into account.

KEEP YOUR GUESTS INSIDE — Avoid having large groups of people gathering outside late at night. Keep your guests inside your house at all times and be aware of loud voices or music. Try stepping outside your house to determine the noise level that your neighbors are experiencing.

BE AWARE OF VARYING SCHEDULES — Many neighbors have work in the mornings or have children who need to sleep, which means that they may be sensitive to loud gatherings that occur during the work week. Avoid weekday gatherings, which includes Thursdays. However, remember that some families have different work schedules, and their needs vary, so loud noise at any time can cause disturbance or distress.

BE AWARE OF NOISE LEVELS — In addition to music playing, neighbors can be disturbed by noise from video games, television, sporting events, movies, people coming and going from your residence, lively discussion in your residence, and other noise heard through open windows or doors. The University will meet with students for any type of reported noise or disturbance concern.

CONSIDER THE SIZE OF YOUR GATHERING — Due to the college social scene, it is common for people who were not invited to your gathering to arrive at your home if they hear about the gathering from a friend or social media. Even if you did not intend to have a large party, you are still responsible for uninvited guests and any disturbances from them. If the noise is getting to be too much, you need to have your guests leave.

Visit WWW.CHAPMAN.EDU/CONDUCT or email CONDUCT@CHAPMAN.EDU with specific questions.
TIPS TO AVOID FINES

THE STUDENT CONDUCT PROCESS follows a specific and progressive sanctioning model for each subsequent breach of peace policy violation. Sanctioning guidelines for incidents are as follows:

1ST VIOLATION: Status sanction of Formal Warning; requirement to attend Good Neighbor Course hosted by Chapman University

2ND VIOLATION: Status sanction of Probation assigned to the student for 1 year; $400-$800 fine assigned to each student identified as a resident of the off-campus residence or host of the gathering

3RD VIOLATION: Status sanction of Suspension assigned to the student for at least 1 semester. Suspension is defined as the separation of the student from the University for a specified period of time, during which the student is not eligible to attend classes or University events. After the specific time period, the student is eligible to return after meeting specified conditions for re-admission. Students may be held responsible for meeting their financial obligations to the University and may not visit the University while under suspension.

The University retains the right to sanction more severely if the incident in question is deemed to be egregious or if a student has previous Student Conduct Code violations on their record.

THE FOLLOWING FACTORS are circumstances that increase the severity or culpability of a violation and are therefore likely to increase assigned fines:

1. WEEKNIGHT GATHERINGS — interrupting neighbors on work and school nights, including Thursdays
2. LARGE GATHERINGS — hosting an event that is inappropriately sized for the space
3. AMPLIFIED SOUND — generating noise with speakers or subwoofers that disrupts the community
4. PUBLIC URINATION — students or guests urinating or vomiting outside
5. FAILURE TO COMPLY — not responding to or complying with Orange Police or Chapman Public Safety
6. TRASH — directly or indirectly causing trash in yards, sidewalks, streets, and other areas around the gathering
7. TIMING OF GATHERING — hosting gatherings on Undie Run or during Orientation in either fall or spring, or multiple disruptive gatherings in quick succession
8. DISHONESTY — lying to responding officers or having an incorrect address on file with the University
9. GATHERING OUTSIDE — guests gathering in the streets or neighbors’ properties, or blocking sidewalks

When students are found responsible for a second violation of the Breach of Peace policy, the University will assign fines ranging from $400-$800.

Avoid Heftier Fines

When a complaint comes in to Orange Police for a disruptive incident involving Chapman students, OPD may contact Chapman Public Safety officers to respond and document the incident in order to forward it for student conduct adjudication.

The Breach of Peace Policy in the Student Conduct Code states:

1. INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP ACTIVITIES that result in disturbance or distress to others or that cause damage or destruction to property (e.g., hosting gatherings with large numbers of people in attendance, gatherings that violate city or county ordinances or laws, guests gathering in yards, sidewalks, or other outdoor areas, etc.).
2. AIDING, ABETTING, OR PROCURING another person to breach the peace.
3. ENTERING ANOTHER’S LAND or property without permission

NOTE: Public Safety Officers may videotape exceptionally large, loud and disruptive off-campus gatherings. The resulting videotape may be submitted as evidence in a hearing regarding potential misconduct by the respondent. If it is alleged that the videotape has evidence of an assault, sexual assault, or other acts of violence, the Vice President and Dean of Students or designee may review the tape as part of its investigation into the allegation.

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Policy Violations

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