

# HAVING A PARTY IN NEWPORT BEACH?

Whether you live or are vacationing in our beautiful city, it's important to understand your responsibilities when hosting a party. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for all to enjoy.

As you make your party plans, please keep the following information from the Newport Beach Police Department in consideration.

**Spring Break Edition**

- If you are charging admission to your party or for alcoholic beverages, an Alcohol Beverage Control Board permit is required, in addition to a permit from the City. **Failure to obtain the appropriate permits could result in fines from both the City and ABC.**
- Do not allow your party to become an "open" party. If party crashers arrive and will not leave, call the Newport Beach Police Department (949-644- 3717) for assistance. **Remember that you are responsible for whatever happens at your residence or rental property.**
- Do not allow the use of drugs at your party, as you may also be subject to arrest.

## ARE JUVENILES ATTENDING YOUR PARTY?

- Any person under 18 who is in possession of, has consumed, or is under the influence of alcohol may be detained by the police.
- Juveniles cannot be present at parties where alcohol is being served without direct parental supervision.
- Any adult furnishing/selling or allowing juveniles to consume or use alcohol, marijuana, or any other type of drugs on their premises may be arrested.

Juveniles detained by the Newport Beach Police Department will be released to their parents or transported to Orange County Juvenile Hall.

## ***What happens if the police are called because your party has become too loud or out of control?***

When the officer arrives at your party and it is loud and/or out of control, the officer can issue you a **Disturbance Advisory Card (DAC)**.

Violation	Tenant Fine
1st	Warning
2nd	\$250
3rd	\$500
4th	\$750

*If the property is a rental, the property owner will also be fined.*

The following party reminders, if not adhered to, are punishable with an **Administrative Citation**. These citations can be issued in addition to a Disturbance Advisory Card (DAC), an arrest or on their own.

Violation	Fine
1st	\$100
2nd	\$200
3rd	\$500

- Do not allow people to leave your party/premises with alcoholic beverages. **It is a misdemeanor to possess an open container of alcohol in a public place, which includes all beaches, parks, streets, and sidewalks.**
- Remember that disturbing the peace is illegal on both public and private property. **Loud music, fighting, quarreling, and offensive conduct, individually or collectively, may qualify as disturbing the peace, resulting in a misdemeanor.**
- If you are going to have **amplified music or a live band at your party, you will need to obtain a permit through the City of Newport Beach.**

## BEACH + PIER INFORMATION:

- All ocean and bay front beaches are open to the public from the hours of 6 a.m. until 10 p.m. (This includes the areas from the Santa Ana River Jetty to Crystal Cove State Park.)

**\*\*ALL BEACHES ARE CLOSED BETWEEN 10PM & 6AM\*\***

- Please swim near a lifeguard tower as ocean currents and surf can be strong, shifting and dangerous.
- Portable barbecues are not allowed on any City beaches. For those that wish to barbecue, fire rings and public barbecues are available near the Balboa Pier and at Corona del Mar State Beach from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis.
- **The Newport and Balboa Piers are open from 5 a.m. until midnight.**
- Public restroom facilities are available at the base of both piers.

### *The following is an overview of several laws and municipal codes to consider when visiting our community:*

- Being intoxicated (alcohol and/or drugs) in **any** public place, or in any vehicle on a highway is a misdemeanor. Driving while under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs is a misdemeanor. If while driving intoxicated, you become involved in a traffic collision and anyone other than yourself is injured, the offense becomes a felony.
- You can be charged with battery if you touch someone without his or her consent. This also includes striking someone with water balloons and/or squirting them with water.
- Failure to immediately leave an area after an **unlawful assembly** dispersal order is given by a police officer, will subject you to immediate arrest.

- Curfew for persons under the age of 18 is 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. every night.
- Sleeping is prohibited on the beach between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. of the following day. Sleeping in vehicles is prohibited at all times.
- All fireworks are absolutely prohibited in the City of Newport Beach. Violators may be cited or arrested. In addition to criminal penalties, there is an extreme risk of sparking a major fire.

The highlighted municipal codes above are punishable with an Administrative Citation.

For further information, please contact the business line below.

**NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Business Line 949-644-3717**

**Emergency 9-1-1**



Our goal is to educate everyone who lives in or visits our community in an effort to prevent problems, before they occur or get out of control.

# Consequences of a Loud or Unruly Gathering in NEWPORT BEACH

## What is considered a “Loud or Unruly Gathering”?

Eight or more persons at any residential unit where conduct occurring results in a public nuisance or a threat to the public health, safety, general welfare, or quiet enjoyment of residential property or nearby public property.

## Loud or unruly conduct includes, without limitation, any or all of the following:

- Excessive noise or traffic
- Obstruction of public streets/rights of way by people or vehicles
- Public drunkenness
- Service of alcohol to minors
- Possession and/or consumption of alcohol by minors
- Assaults, batteries, fights, domestic violence or other disturbances of the peace
- Vandalism
- Litter
- Urinating or defecating in public

## Who is considered a “Responsible Person”?

- Any person who is present at the location and rents, leases or otherwise is in charge of the residential unit where the gathering occurs.
- Any person including a business, company or entity, who organizes or sponsors a “Loud or Unruly Gathering”.
- Any person who attends and engages in loud or unruly conduct.

## What happens when police arrive at a “Loud and Unruly Gathering”?

When an officer arrives, he or she will determine if the ordinance has been violated and post a notice if appropriate and issue a civil summons to violators

## Loud and Unruly Gathering Ordinance (LUGO) FINE PROCESS



***Without written authorization from the City, it shall be unlawful for any person to remove, alter, tamper with or deface the posted notice of a Loud or Unruly Gathering prior to the expiration of the entire ninety (90) day period from the date of posting.***