

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

-Start off on the right foot... Introduce yourselves to your neighbors and have open communication, perhaps exchange phone numbers. Be respectful and responsible to the neighborhood you live in, **this is not only college rentals but families too!**



-Your neighbors have children and work nights & weekends, be courteous and respect their privacy to enjoy their home.

-Promptly bring in empty garbage cans, pick up debris (plastic cups, beer cans, newspapers) in the yard. Leaving garbage cans empty at the curbside could lead to the issuance of a summons. Garbage pick-up is privately contracted, find out when your pick-up is.

-Snow and ice must be cleared from the sidewalks within 4-6 hours after snow occurrence.

-Take pride in the house you rent and keep the outside presentable, don't make the front yard a driveway filled with cars parked all over the grass.

-Do not trespass on other neighbors property.

-Be respectful and quiet while waiting for a taxi outside or when you're dropped off. Loud voices and singing may pose a violation of the noise ordinance and it WILL BE enforced.

-DO NOT urinate outside. You **WILL** be arrested!



Whether this is your first experience living off-campus or not, we hope you find the information here helpful. We have included information on being a good neighbor, party hosting, local and state laws and personal safety. Please be respectful, do not be careless and use good judgment and you will have a positive off-campus experience!!!

Remember, even though you are residing off campus, the Director of Student Conduct and the Office of Safety & Security will be notified of off-campus ordinance violations and/or arrests which may lead to a disciplinary hearing.

In addition, the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department sends notification to landlords/owners of violations occurring at their rental house.

We hope you took the time to look over this information. Use good judgment and you will have a fun and memorable experience!



TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TOWN OF POUGHKEEPSIE POLICE DEPARTMENT

OFF-CAMPUS HOUSING

- TIPS & ADVICE
- RECOMMENDATIONS
- CONSIDERATIONS



Register to receive trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information by text and e-mail from the Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department. To receive alerts, go to www.nixle.com.

PARTY HOSTING



Being the host for a house party is a **GREAT responsibility!** You can be legally and civilly responsible for what happens at your party whether it involves underage drinking, illegal drug use, property damage etc. Familiarize yourself with local and state laws before deciding to host a party. It is your responsibility to stay in control and for the control of your guests. For safety, avoid overcrowding and make sure exits are clear.

It is **unlawful** for persons to engage in such practice such as selling cups, promoting “all-you-can-drink” with admission parties, or otherwise engaging in exchange of money for alcohol without a permit from the New York State Liquor Authority. Do not allow excessive alcohol consumption, it increases the risk of personal injury or death, sexual assault and legal problems.

If you decide to host a party..

- Talk to your neighbors and make them aware of your plans.
- Ensure the safety of attendee’s and obey all state and local laws.
- Remain sober and supervise your guests during the party.
- Do not allow un-invited guests.
- Protect and secure valuables.
- Check ID’s.
- Provide food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Do not permit alcohol to persons who become too drunk.
- Prohibit the use of illegal drugs.
- Make arrangements for taxis or overnight guests, don’t allow intoxicated people to walk home.
- CLEAN UP OUTSIDE & NO URINATING OUTSIDE!**

If the Police Come to Your Party..

- Don’t avoid the police by closing the door and pulling curtains closed. This will not help you avoid a citation. The host of the party should speak with the officer’s.
- Maintain the music and voices at a low level and inform your guests to listen and follow the officer’s instructions.
- Be respectful of the officer’s and act in accordance to their requests. Unmanageable and uncooperative behavior may lead to arrests.

Care of Intoxicated Persons..

- Do not attempt to keep person awake
 - Do not give persons coffee, stimulants or food in attempts to sober the individual.
 - Do not attempt to restrain the persons movements.
 - Do not try reviving a person with a cold shower, this could result in possible loss of consciousness as a result of trauma.
 - Do not try to get the person to “walk it off” or engage the person in exercise.
 - Do not give the person any type of drug, including aspirin.
- *If you’re concerned, contact Emergency Medical Services (911)

TOWN, COUNTY & NYS LAWS

Unlawful Noise (Town Ordinance)

No person shall create or cause unlawful noise, which includes noise from parties (ie. music, yelling, singing, waiting for taxis or

exiting them). First offense is punishable up to \$1,000 and a second offense within 12 months is punishable by a fine no less than \$1,000 and up to \$1,500. **The noise ordinance is enforceable any-time of the day or night, if it is found to be excessive.**

Nuisance Party (Town Ordinance) ***NEW***

In addition to (but not limited to) noise related violations, public urination and other disorderly acts occurring at a party can result in a Nuisance Party violation which can result in fines from \$250 to \$5,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 15 days for the party hosts, attendee’s and landlords.

Disorderly Conduct (violation)

Violations of this include fighting, unreasonable noise, obscene language and gestures, disturbance of lawful assembly, obstruction of traffic (vehicular or pedestrian) and unlawful congregation in a public place. Fines are punishable up to \$250 fine, 15 days imprisonment or BOTH.

Dutchess County Social Host Law

Dutchess County “Social Host Law” serves to deter the consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors, by holding those over the age of 18, responsible when they permit the **consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors at their residence.** This is punishable not to exceed \$250 for the first offense, not to exceed \$500 for second offense and not to exceed \$1,000 and imprisonment up to one year for the third offense. In addition, **you may be charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Minor or Unlawfully Dealing with a Child.**

Open Container (violation)

Open Container-It is unlawful to possess an open container of any alcohol (including a plastic cup) in a public place (including sidewalk and streets/roads), punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250, imprisonment up to 15 days or BOTH.

Possession of Alcohol (violation)

Possession of Alcohol Under 21 Years Old-It is unlawful to possess an alcoholic beverage under the age of 21 years old, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$250, imprisonment up to 5 days or BOTH.

Serving Alcohol to a Minor (misdemeanor)

Serving or providing alcohol to a minor under the age of 21. This is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment up to 1 year or BOTH.

NO PARKING on sidewalks and parking is prohibited on Town roads/streets from 12 midnight -8 AM November 1st-April 1st.

For more information on Town of Poughkeepsie ordinances, go to www.townpolice.net and click on “Town Ordinances” .

Forgery in the Third Degree (misdemeanor) Fake ID’s

Possession of an ID card with a false birth date to misrepresent your age with the intent to defraud so you can purchase alcoholic beverages. This is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment up to 1 year or BOTH.

Forgery in the Second Degree (felony) The altering or making any driver’s license with a false birth date to

misrepresent your age with the intent to defraud so you can purchase alcoholic beverages. This is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$5,000.00, imprisonment up to 7 year’s or BOTH.

Criminal Impersonation (misdemeanor)

Using another person’s driver’s license or other identification in order to assume his or her character with the intent to purchase alcoholic beverages. This is punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000, imprisonment up to 1 year or BOTH.

Driving While Intoxicated (misdemeanor 1st offense)

If you’re an operator of a motor vehicle and found to have a **Blood Alcohol Content of .08 or greater**, you will be charged with Driving While Intoxicated. This could lead to a criminal record, injuring yourself or others and cost in excess of \$5,000 and possible imprisonment.

Driving While Ability Impaired-Drugs or Alcohol (misdemeanor)

If you’re an operator of a motor vehicle and found to have a **Blood Alcohol Content of .06-.07** or operating under the influence of **drugs**, you will be charged with Driving While Ability Impaired. This could lead to a criminal record, injuring yourself or others and cost in excess of \$5,000 and possible imprisonment.

PERSONAL SAFETY

- Use good judgment and don’t be careless.
- By dialing 911, you will reach the Dutchess County 911 Center to report emergencies.
- Also store the **Town of Poughkeepsie Police Department in your cell phone, 845-485-3666.**
- When walking on or off-campus, make all attempts to walk with someone you are familiar with, walk where it is well lit, avoid overgrown or unpopulated areas and know your surroundings. When walking on streets, always walk opposite traffic.
- Let others know where you’re going, who you’re going with and when you will be back.
- Don’t leave your drinks unattended or don’t allow others to get you a drink without you watching the transaction of it.
- Lock your vehicles and DO NOT leave valuables in your vehicles!** Especially a GPS, IPOD, pocketbook, backpack etc. These are invitations to criminals to smash a window and grab it!
- LOCK** your house doors and secure bicycles!!!

