

Georgetown University's on-campus vs. off-campus partying rules

Georgetown University's rules and policies are much stricter for on-campus than for off-campus partying. Relevant materials published by GU about this are on the next 3 pages.

GU'S On-Campus Party/ Alcohol Policies are copied below and can be accessed at:

<http://be.georgetown.edu/iknowhowtoparty/responsibilities.html>

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HOST RESPONSIBILITIES

These are very important! To have a fun and safe party, be sure to know and adhere to your responsibilities as a host. Remember, the University defines a party as a gathering of 12 or more people where alcohol will be served.

- Parties must have at least TWO hosts — one of which must be at least 21 years of age to register the party, and both must be present during the ENTIRE event.
- Hosts must be current Georgetown students and residents of the unit in which the party will be held.
- Hosts must be coherent to answer questions and to follow instructions given by a staff member. The hosts must be ready to respond to any and all emergencies that may take place during the event.
- One host will remain at the door at all times.
- Ensure the party is not over the University's capacity levels for safety.
 1. 25 - capacity in Alumni Square and Henle
 2. 35 - capacity in Nevils, townhouses* or Village A**

*TOWNHOUSES are allowed an additional 50 attendees within the backyard

**VILLAGE A rooftop apartments that share a rooftop pad are allowed an additional 50 attendees total between BOTH apartments on the rooftop pad
- Do not serve intoxicated or underage students.
- Parties must be contained within the specified parameters of each unit. If the party is held in Alumni Square, Henle, or Nevils, guests must be contained in the confines of the unit. Do not allow your guests to spill out on the stairwells or common areas. This creates a safety issue. If the party is held in Village A, guests must be contained within the unit and on the designated rooftop pad. If the party is held in the townhouses, guests must be contained within the unit and within the backyard.
- Both hosts must provide their contact numbers to the RA on Duty (Party Check-In below).
- There can only be one keg in the apartment per event per day, and there should also be non-alcoholic alternatives.
- NO GLASS BEER BOTTLES are allowed at the party.

- Understand that you are financially responsible for all damages and cleaning expenses resulting from the party. These costs will be charged to your student account.
- Do not allow the use of drinking games and other contests involving the rapid consumption of alcohol.
- Clean up after the event (by 8 am the next day).

Party Check-In

9 – 10 pm – the night of the party

The RA on Duty (RAOD) will perform a Party Check-In the night of your party. Be sure you are in your apartment/townhouse between the hours of 9 and 10 pm.

The purpose of the Check-In is for you to personally meet the RAOD and for him/her to let you know his/her role in helping you to have a fun and safe party. He/she will also remind you of the key host responsibilities listed above.

Reasons a party may be shut down

We want you to have a great and safe party. So, please keep in mind the following reasons your party may be shut down.

- If your party is not approved
- If you have more than one keg
- If there is a keg outside of the apartment
- If the party extends beyond 2 AM on weekends and after midnight on weekdays
- If there is vandalism and/or destruction of property in and/or around the location of the party
- If your guests are spilling into public areas outside of the apartment (i.e. stairwells, courtyards, sidewalks) or into restricted areas (i.e. pebbled rooftops in Village A)
- If your party is noisy or if there has been a noise complaint
- If your party exceeds the maximum limit of guests
- The Department of Public Safety or Residence Life reserves the right to shut down parties for reasons beyond this list.

Please remember that the Department of Public Safety reserves the right to confiscate keg(s) if a party is shut down.

GU'S Off-Campus Party/ Alcohol Policies are much shorter and simply recite D.C. laws, without adding GU's on-campus restrictions. The off-campus discussion is copied below and can be accessed at:

<http://offcampus.georgetown.edu/conduct.html>

Conduct

Parties & Noise:

Hosting noisy parties, or making excessive noise in the streets, in your home, or in your friends' homes can really cost you. Violating the D.C. Noise Ordinance could lead to an actual arrest, or a P.D. 61D citation and a \$35 fine. The P.D. 61D citation is an arrest and is issued in lieu of an actual arrest, and even, if the fine is paid, there will be a police record.

Off campus students who receive a warning, fine, or other MPD citation can expect a call from the Office of Off Campus Student Life to discuss the incident that resulted in police action. The office reviews alleged violations of university regulations and local laws and ordinances and, when appropriate, the university may issue its own sanctions. See the Student Code of Conduct for relevant information.

Alcohol:

In accordance with D.C. law, it is unlawful for anyone under the age of 21 to possess or consume alcohol.

It is illegal for anyone (regardless of age) to possess an open alcohol container in public spaces, e.g., sidewalks, streets, alleyways, parking lots. The Metropolitan Police Department actively enforces the open container rule in West Georgetown/Burleith.Â

MPD and the Alcoholic Beverage Commission rigorously enforce the alcohol laws and patrol local bars in an effort to curb underage drinking in establishments in the Georgetown area.