PARTYING IN CORVALLIS

WELCOME!

The Corvallis Police Department welcomes you to the community. Over the past several years, strong partnerships have been formed between many agencies and organizations in order to provide a safe, positive living environment for students and community members residing in Corvallis, especially in the North College Hill Area.

In past years, the return of students has produced significant problems in the North College Hill Area. These problems included street parties involving hundreds of intoxicated individuals, assaults resulting in injuries to students and police officers, damage to public and private property, and noise disturbances of yelling and/or loud music.

Widespread education and strict enforcement of city ordinances and state laws will continue as in years past, with additional officers allocated to the North College Hill Area. Individuals violating ordinances or state laws will be subject to citation, physical arrest, and/or civil fines. Alcohol and noise violations are a chronic issue, and will be specifically targeted. Several of the most often violated ordinances and laws are summarized below, following tips on ways to have safe parties, avoid DUIIs, and keep your person safe. We hope this information will assist you in making responsible choices about partying in Corvallis.

**Party Management Tips**

* Find ways to celebrate that do not infringe upon your neighbors and that are alcohol-free.
* Control the guest list. “Come one, come all” parties usually result in police contact. Have a door monitor to screen guests. If you choose to serve alcohol, ensure that you only serve to persons 21 years of age and older.
* Plan ahead and notify neighbors well in advance of the date, times, and location of the party. Give them a telephone number and the name of a person to contact if there is a problem (be responsive to their calls).
* Monitor noise levels. Keep doors and windows closed to reduce outside noise levels.
* Serve food and have non-alcoholic drinks available.
* Discourage drinking games. Have a non-drinking person serving the alcohol.

*If your party gets out of control, contact the police. We will assist you in regaining control.*

**DUII Prevention:**

DUII laws are strictly enforced in Corvallis. Arrange for transportation or a designated driver before anyone drinks. Make sure arrangements are understood by everyone. Ensure persons under the influence/impaired don’t drive (a person under the influence/impaired riding a bicycle is also a DUII). **As the party giver, you are also liable.**

**DUII = Class A Misdemeanor**

Bail = **$7500**
**Personal Security:** Whenever possible, travel in groups of two or more, especially when attending parties where alcohol is served. At night, park in well-lit parking areas close to your destination. Always lock your car or bike (record bike serial numbers). Do not leave valuables in your car.

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**EMERGENCIES CALL 9-1-1**

**CORVALLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT**

766-6924 General Business: Monday - Friday 8AM-5PM  
766-6911 Non-Emergency Service Weekends & After 5 PM

**OSU OREGON STATE POLICE/CAMPUS SECURITY**

737-3010 Campus Specific Information

The following is a partial, abbreviated listing of City of Corvallis Ordinances and Oregon Revised Statutes which may apply to partying. Please refer to the City of Corvallis Municipal Code and the Oregon Revised Statues (available at the local library & O.S.U. Student Conduct Office) for further information.

Misdemeanors are punishable by physical arrest, up to a year in jail and fines. Infractions are punishable by fines only, not physical arrest. **LARGE HINT:** You cannot be arrested for MIP, but you can be arrested for lying about your name, address, date-of-birth and/or running from police when told to stop!

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<td>Consumption of alcohol or possession of open container of alcohol in public place. No person shall possess any open container of alcohol or drink alcohol while in or upon any street, sidewalk, alley, public grounds, building, or place open and available to the general public, or while in a motor vehicle on premises open to the public.</td>
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| **Human Waste.** No person shall deposit or discharge any human waste on property open to or visible by the public. | **Violation = Class A**  
Infraction  
**Bail = $150** |
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| **False information to officer.** No person shall knowingly use or give a false or fictitious name, address, or date of birth to any police officer for the purpose of the officer issuing or serving the person a citation. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Tampering with property.** No person shall, with intent to cause substantial inconvenience to the owner or other person, and having no right to do so, tamper or interfere with property of another. | **Violation = Class C**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $500** |
| **Violent Conduct.** No person shall intentionally cause public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm or recklessly create a risk of public inconvenience, annoyance, or alarm by engaging in fighting or behaving in a violent, tumultuous, or threatening manner. | **Violation = Class B**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $500** |
| **Resisting Arrest.** A person intentionally resists a police officer when the officer is making an arrest. Third parties can be arrested for this crime if they resist another persons arrest. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Providing alcohol to minors.** No one shall sell, give or otherwise make available any alcoholic liquor to a person under the age of 21. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Interfering with officer.** A person intentionally acts in a manner that prevents or attempts to prevent a police officer from performing his/her duties with regards to another person  
**OR**  
A person refuses to obey a lawful order given by a police officer. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Assault IV.** A person intentionally, knowingly or recklessly causes physical injury to another. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Trespass I.** A person enters or remains unlawfully in a dwelling. | **Violation = Class A**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $7500** |
| **Trespass II.** A person enters or remains unlawfully in a motor vehicle or in or upon premises. | **Violation = Class C**  
Misdemeanor  
**Bail = $3500** |
| **Possession of less than an ounce of marijuana.** Any person who knowingly or intentionally is in unlawful possession of less than an ounce of marijuana. | **Classification = Violation**  
**Bail = $565** |

**Special Response Notice.** First police response to a violation of the Corvallis Municipal Code may include a written notice that the activity or conduct must cease. Second police response within 48 hours arising out of the activity or conduct will result in citation, physical arrest, and/or civil fines. A Special Response Fee will be charged to each person deemed liable. Separate fees will be charged for each subsequent police response. The special response fee is defined as the total cost incurred by the City in connection with such response, including but not limited to, police officers, equipment, dispatch and supervisor time. THESE CAN BE GIVEN WITH CITATIONS ON FIRST CONTACT!

Please **SAVE AND POST THIS BROCHURE**!

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