

**Important Contact Information:**

Emergency (from a land line): Call 9-1-1

From a cell phone (program numbers in advance):

Berkeley Police .....510-981-5911

UC Police .....510-642-3333

Non-Emergency:

Berkeley Police .....510-981-5900

UC Police .....510-642-6760

Berkeley Fire Department .....510-981-3473

City Services:

Website: [www.ci.berkeley.ca.us](http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us)

General Information .....510-981-2489

Public Works, Refuse and Recycling.....510-981-7270

Rent Stabilization Board.....510-981-7368



**Dear Neighbor,**

Welcome to Berkeley! Our neighborhoods are wonderful — lively, beautiful, with a diverse mix of students and families, homeowners and tenants.

The City of Berkeley and UC Berkeley have teamed up to promote good neighbor relations. Everyone can help by getting to know their neighbors and following local laws and practices.

Included in this booklet is helpful information for all Berkeley residents.

**Welcome to the neighborhood!**

**Chancellor’s Advisory Council on Student/Neighbor Relations**

In 2005, UC Berkeley Chancellor Birgeneau established a task force to develop positive relations between students and neighbors. Comprising student leaders, university and city staff and police, and neighborhood representatives, the advisory council brings students and neighbors together to create a greater sense of community in Berkeley's neighborhoods near the campus.

Developed by the UC Berkeley Chancellor’s Advisory Council  
on Student/Neighbor Relations

# Good Neighbor Guidelines

Berkeley is a diverse and vibrant community. Take pride in being part of this great city. These simple guidelines can help you and your neighbors get along.

## Top 5 Good Neighbor Tips:

**Meet your neighbors.** Introduce yourself and exchange information.

**Be considerate.** Keep noise under control during the day and at night.

**Keep your neighborhood beautiful.** Always properly dispose of trash and promptly remove waste and recycling bins from curbside.

**Respect differences.** Knowing and respecting differences in age, faith, schedule, and lifestyle can help neighbors get along.

**Communicate.** If your neighbors do something that bothers you, discuss it with them directly. Many potential problems can be resolved with a friendly conversation.

## Community Noise

Berkeley Police Department 510-981-5900

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/police/>

- Often noise problems arise simply because people don't realize that they may be bothering others.
- Time and place matter. Mowing your lawn early in the morning or talking on your cell phone outside at night may bother your neighbors.
- Before calling the police, politely inform your neighbor of a noise disturbance. Communicating can often solve and prevent problems.
- Repeated police responses to noise complaints can lead to fines up to \$500.

## Pets—Leash Law and Licensing

Berkeley Animal Care Services 510-981-6600

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/animalservices/>

- Keep your dog on a leash at all times when not on your property unless you are in a specified "off-leash" area. You are responsible for picking up all animal waste.
- All dogs living in Berkeley must be licensed. A dog license can be purchased from the License and Collections Department.
- If you see a stray or injured animal, contact Animal Care Services.

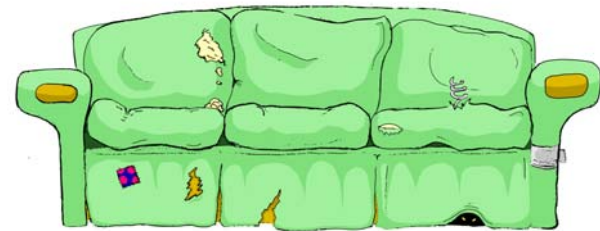


## Trash, Dumping, and Recycling

Berkeley Refuse Customer Service 510-981-7270

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/pw/>

- Help keep Berkeley beautiful by putting waste where it belongs. The City recycles glass, cans, paper, cardboard and plastics.
- Never leave unwanted furniture, clothing, or other items on sidewalks, porches, or front lawns. Fines of up to \$1,500 can be imposed for illegal dumping.
- UC Berkeley and the City of Berkeley partner to provide students with recycling and disposal services during the move-out and move-in periods.



*"A sofa on the sidewalk is not lawn furniture."*

## Parking

Berkeley Finance Department Customer Service Center 510-981-7200

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/finance/>

The City of Berkeley has a Residential Preferential Parking Program in some neighborhoods. Contact the Berkeley Finance Department to obtain a parking permit or for information on Berkeley's parking restrictions.

## Bicycle Friendly Berkeley

Berkeley Office of Transportation 510-981-7010

<http://www.ci.berkeley.ca.us/transportation/>

- Bicycle boulevards enhance cyclists' safety and convenience and reduce bicycle traffic on streets with heavy automobile traffic. Cyclists are encouraged to use the marked boulevards whenever possible.
- Cyclists, pedestrians and automobile drivers share the roadways, especially on streets near campus, so follow all traffic regulations and laws.
- UC Police provide free bicycle licensing and registration.



## Having some friends over?

### Before...

- Check your lease! Some leases discourage parties or include no-party clauses.
- Notify your neighbors in advance and exchange phone numbers, but remember to keep your event under control.
- Set a definite start and finish time.

### During...

- Serve food and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Have at least one sober host to handle any problems.
- Keep the size of the party reasonable. Random people are only there to drink your beer and don't care if your place gets trashed or if you get into legal trouble.
- Keep the noise level down after 10 pm.
- If the party starts to get out of hand, call the police for help.

### After...

- Clean up. Check for trash on your property and on neighboring property which may have come from your party.
- Check with your neighbors the next day to see if they had any problems with your event.

## Attending a party?

- If you drink alcohol, pace yourself. Eat beforehand and snack while you drink. Alternate between alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages.
- Don't combine alcohol and other drugs.
- Make your own drink and keep it in sight.
- Stick to your limit and look out for your friends.
- When the party is over, leave gracefully. Know how, when and with whom you will leave.
- Leave the party quietly and respect neighbors' right to quiet on your way home.

For more safe party tips visit: [partysafe.berkeley.edu](http://partysafe.berkeley.edu)

## Know the signs of alcohol poisoning

An alcohol overdose can lead to irreversible brain damage or even death. Be aware of the following symptoms of alcohol poisoning:

- Passing out – semi-conscious or unconscious
- Slurred, incoherent speech
- Cold, clammy, pale or bluish skin
- Breathing is slow or irregular
- Excessive vomiting or vomiting while sleeping

Always be safe, not sorry.

If you see someone displaying any of these symptoms, **call emergency services immediately!**

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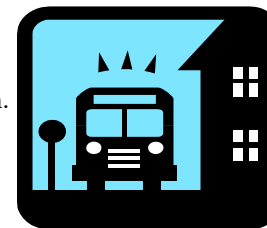
### Bear Walk: the free campus safe escort service

- A uniformed Community Service Officer walks you from your location to your near-campus home.
- Call: 510-642-WALK (9255) between 6 pm and 2 am. During daylight savings time, walks start at 7:30 pm.

### Free Campus Night Safety Shuttles

- Night Safety Shuttles are free to students and will transport them between campus and their nearby homes.
- Schedule and route information are posted at: <http://pt.berkeley.edu/>

National Taxi Cab Dispatch Service: 800.TAXICAB



## Know the law and avoid problems

### Don't let a lapse in judgment jeopardize your student status.



- ◆ When a UC student is stopped and/or cited by either the Berkeley or UC police, the office of Student Conduct and Community Standards is informed.
- ◆ This can result in **an official warning or more serious disciplinary action** by the university, in addition to any penalties the city may impose.

## City Ordinances You Need to Know

### Second Response Ordinance

- ◆ Public Nuisance: any gathering of **10 or more people that hinders the “quiet enjoyment of private or public property.”** (BMC 13.48)
- ◆ First offenses receive warnings, public notices and orders to disperse. Further offenses that night, or at any time within a 120-day period, lead to **automatic fines of \$750 to \$2500.**

### Social Host Ordinance

- ◆ It is illegal to host a gathering where alcohol is consumed by minors, and a host is **presumed to know** if a minor is drinking. (BMC 13.49)
- ◆ Reasonable preventative steps must be taken, including: controlling access and quantity of alcohol, checking IDs and monitoring attendees of the gathering.
- ◆ Violators will be charged a misdemeanor and will be fined no less than **\$250.**

### Other Infractions or Misdemeanors

### Penalty

#### Minor in Possession of Alcohol

Business and Professions Code 25662

Up to \$250 fine, community service and a suspension of driver's license

#### False Identification Carried by Minors

Business and Professions Code 25661

At least a \$200 fine

#### Serving Alcohol to Minors

Business and Professions Code 25658

\$250-\$1000 fine and community service or up to 6 months in jail

#### Open Container / Public Consumption of Alcohol

Berkeley Municipal Code (BMC) 13.36.070

1st infraction: up to \$100 fine  
2nd infraction: up to \$200 fine

#### Noise Complaint

BMC 13.40.030

1st response: Warning  
2nd response: up to \$100 fine

#### Disorderly Conduct, Due to Intoxication

California Penal Code 647(f)

Up to \$1000 fine and up to 6 months in jail

## Keeping you and your neighborhood safe

### Crime Prevention

- ◆ Always lock all windows and doors when going out.
- ◆ Don't leave valuables unattended or in your car.
- ◆ Know your neighbors—be aware of who lives in your neighborhood or apartment building and report suspicious behavior.
- ◆ If you feel someone is following or watching you, go to a populated location, ask for help and call the police.

### Neighborhood Watch Programs

- ◆ The City of Berkeley has dozens of registered Neighborhood Watch groups that help neighbors prevent crime.
- ◆ Neighborhood Watch programs build cooperative relationships between police and the community by emphasizing strategies such as home security, neighborhood clean-ups, and education.
- ◆ Contact Berkeley Police Department's Community Services Bureau at 510-981-5806 to join or start a Neighborhood Watch group.

### Life on the Fault Line – Be Prepared

- ◆ Make an evacuation plan for your residence.
- ◆ Prepare an emergency supplies kit. Include water, non-perishable food, a flashlight and batteries, a first aid kit, blankets, and food for any pets.
- ◆ Make your home earthquake safe. Visit [GetReadyBerkeley.org](http://GetReadyBerkeley.org) for more information.



### Fire Safety

- ◆ Maintain and regularly test smoke alarms. Replace smoke alarm batteries at least twice a year.
- ◆ Don't overload electrical outlets and use extension cords properly.
- ◆ Never leave candles lit while unattended.
- ◆ Make sure your exits are accessible. Don't block exit ways with newspapers, bicycles or other items that can hinder your escape.
- ◆ Drink responsibly. In more than 50% of adult fire fatalities, victims were under the influence of alcohol or other drugs.