

Augustana College Guidelines for Students Living Off-Campus

The following guidelines are being shared with KeyStone residents to illustrate the College's efforts to help Augustana students and the surrounding neighborhoods interact constructively. The guidelines were given to all Augustana students. The college continues to ask that citizens who are disturbed by the unlawful actions of others contact the Police and make a complaint so Police and the College are able to document situations and respond to them.

Students living off-campus this year, as well as those visiting their houses, can benefit by observing a few guidelines for being a good neighbor. The Rock Island Police Department and Augustana Campus Security personnel ask that students consider the following when planning or attending an off-campus social gathering.

STUDENTS HOSTING A SOCIAL EVENT:

1. **EARLY IN THE YEAT**, talk with neighbors about possible noise and traffic issues. Find out their concerns, and work out ways to address those concerns. Make neighbors feel welcome to contact you if problems of any sort arise, and make that contact easy by providing a phone number where they can always reach a house resident.
2. If you plan to host a number of persons at a house party or similar gathering. **LET YOUR NEIGHBORS KNOW IN ADVANCE** and remind them you will do your best to keep control of the event. Reinforce their phoning you if noise, disorder, or parking become a problem. Make this an easy step for them to take so they do not have to rely on support from police. Keep in mind that your neighbors may have jobs, health issues, young children, or other factors which you need to consider when having a party at your house.
3. Social gatherings can easily grow in size and become disturbing. **APPOINT SOMEONE AT THE HOUSE TO ACT AS A MONITOR** and to keep control. Even a small gathering can be disturbing if there is loud music, numbers of cars, noisy entering and exiting. Keep entrance doors and house windows closed to block noise. Having a monitor at the house whose job is to watch for such issues can make a major difference.
4. If guests consume alcoholic beverages, act as a good host and don't let anyone lose control, become sick, or otherwise act in ways which place them at risk or offend you or your neighbors. Common neighborhood complaints include intoxicated behavior, public urination, loud shouting and horseplay, trespassing on private property, and damaging property. Monitor persons coming to and from your premises, and help them to use good judgment and to respect you and those living around you.
5. **AFTER A SOCIAL GATHERING**, police your immediate neighborhood and remove paper, discarded containers, or other items which detract from the appearance of the neighborhood. Pick up trash even if it clearly has nothing to do with your party – this is a great way to demonstrate consideration for neighbors.
6. **IF THE POLICE CONTACT YOU**, either because of a complaint or resulting from their own observations of a disorderly party, fully comply with their directions. If you are asked to disperse the party, do not reorganize the party at another location—dispersing a party means to end the party for that evening. Moving a disturbing gathering to a different location and/or failing to cooperate with an officer are good ways to get a City citation (when simple cooperation could avoid a fine).

STUDENT ATTENDING OFF-CAMPUS SOCIAL EVENTS:

1. **HELP PARTY HOSTS** by cooperating with their requests. Read above what is generally expected of you by party hosts.
2. **MONITOR YOUR OWN CONDUCT**, particularly coming to and leaving a party location. **DO NOT** consume alcohol to the point of intoxication, where self-control and personal safety are put in jeopardy. **DO** take care of yourselves and your friends – not everyone uses good sense, and if you see a friend headed for trouble, intercede. That is part of friendship.
3. **OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES** are prohibited in Rock Island and virtually all other communities. Carrying an open beer bottle, cup, Nalgene container, etc. of an alcoholic beverage makes one a candidate for a \$150 City citation. Students who smell of alcohol (if underage) or who are under the influence can be cited and fined. It is both good sense and economical (avoiding fines) to use discretion while on public streets.
4. **OBSERVE PERSONAL SAFETY GUIDELINES** published by the College. Do not walk alone, do not go onto private property, do not walk isolated, unlighted areas, do not walk in parts of the city which may be unsafe. Talk to Security, Police, Residence Life staff, or the Dean of Students Office if you have questions about safety in the surrounding neighborhoods and in the broader Quad City Area.