

## Having a Party? How to avoid noise complaints!

Most people enjoy a party to celebrate a special occasion although too noisy, or too frequent, parties can upset neighbours.

If you are planning a party it is worth thinking about the following:

1. **Let your neighbours know in advance** – people are often more tolerant if they know it's going to happen and can plan their evening around it – let them know what time you will finish (and stick to it!)
2. **Don't continue too late** – take into account that neighbours may have children or have to go to work the next day. Make sure you reduce the volume of the music by 11:00 pm so that it cannot be heard inside your neighbour's property - move inside and close the windows if you are out in the garden
3. **Think about the music you choose** – bass beats travel a lot further and will penetrate walls – choose less bass heavy music particularly later in the evening
4. **Voices can be just as loud as music** – be aware that a room full of people talking and laughing can be noisy even if there is no music
5. **Don't have parties too often** – having a noisy party every month is not very neighbourly!