

# *Common Uni-Hill Problems and Violations:* **Boulder City Information and Help**

## **Common Hill Violations**

- Fireworks
- Open alcohol containers
- Nuisance parties and music
- Abandoned vehicles
- Public urination
- Outdoor furniture restriction
- Littering
- Public disturbances / fights

## *Fire works*

POSSESSION or USE OF ALL FIREWOKS IS ILLEGAL in the City of Boulder under Boulder Revised Code (BRC) § 5-6-6 (b), a municipal offense requiring a bond of \$1,000, no mail-in. **A person who starts a fire with fireworks can be charged with arson** under Colorado Revised Statutes §18-4-102+.

**Fireworks include** any article, device, or substance prepared to produce a visual or auditory sensation by combustion, explosion, deflagration, or detonation, including: toy cannons or toy canes, blank cartridges, firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, Roman candles, dayglow bombs, aerial shells, trick matches, torches, fountains,sparklers, and any fireworks containing any explosive or flammable compound.

## *Open Alcohol Containers*

Don't let people leave your party with open beer or other alcohol drinks.

If you have a keg at your party, the best way to avoid trouble is to **keep the keg inside the house**. Otherwise, you could be subject to a nuisance party ticket and a fine up to \$1,000 and 90 days in jail. Retailers in Boulder tag each keg so that it can be traced to the purchaser, and purchasers are held responsible for any infractions.

## *Nuisance Parties and Music*

Why did the police come to my party?

- Too big a crowd / party overflow
- Noise
- Disturbance

**Solution:** Keep your party small. Invite / allow only people you know. (It's almost always someone you don't know who causes problems.)

**Quiet Down!** At any time of day or night, loud or unruly conduct that intrudes and disrupts another person in his or her home is a violation. **If you host or attend a nuisance party, you can be given a nuisance party ticket, with fines up to \$1,000, jail up to 90 days, and court costs.**

**“Nuisance”** includes any noise or alcohol/keg violation, public urinating, littering, trespassing, and other violations (such as using fireworks). You are also liable for property and personal injury damages resulting from these activities. University policy also imposes suspension from the university after 2 alcohol-related violations.

**Underage drinking:** In addition, if you have a party and allow alcohol to be drunk by someone under 21, you are responsible. You can be ticketed, and penalties can include fines up to \$1,000, court costs, and jail up to 90 days. **It is a felony to serve alcohol to a minor and it is put on YOUR record.**

## *Party Registration*

Party registration through the University of Colorado is free – and gives you a chance to avoid problems. If a noise complaint is made, Boulder Police Dispatch will phone you, and you will have 20 minutes to cool things down and avoid the police. But if things don't quiet down and a second complaint is made, then the police will respond to the complaint(s).

Register a Friday or Saturday night party with Off-Campus Housing (UMC Room 313) by noon on Friday by providing your student ID, two phone numbers, and the address.



## *Public Urination*

Don't urinate in someone's yard or on the sidewalk or street.

## *Outdoor Furniture*

### *Restriction*

In the Uni-Hill area, Boulder Revised Code (BRC) § 5-4 prohibits any upholstered indoor furniture, including chairs, couches, and mattresses, from being kept or stored on any porch or outside, in any front or side yard, or any back yard not on an alley.

### *Littering*

Don't you love it when you move your car out of your parking space, and go over a bottle, flattening your tire?

Or you walk outside, and see your yard or walk covered with bottles, beer cans, hamburger wraps, and food?

**Message:** Don't litter. Provide your guests with plenty of wastebaskets and trash bags, politely tell them to use these for their trash. And clean up after your party. **You can be cited / fined for litter accumulation on a property your rent or control.** Tidy up!

## *Getting Help*

### *Non-emergency vs. Emergency*

#### *Non-Emergency Examples:*

- Littering is a non-emergency
- You open your car, the radio is gone
- Your place was broken into, your computer stolen, but no one is there

#### *Non-emergency help:*

**Boulder City: 303/441-3333**

**Boulder County: 303/441-4444**

#### *Emergency Examples:*

- A party guest passed out, is unresponsive
- Someone was injured
- Fireworks started a fire

### *Call 911 immediately*

Describe what happened, give your address / location, follow instructions, and stay on site.