

Local rules and regulations for student behaviour in the community

Community behaviour rules

The University of Bristol has an expectation that students will respect the community they live in and, like all other residents, are bound by national and local legislation.

Areas of particular focus in relation to student behaviour are:

- Car and motorcycle parking
- Waste and recycling
- Noise pollution

Information for students on how to comply with local legislation and take responsibility for their impact on the community can be found at on our [guide to community living](#) webpage.

The University of Bristol enforces rules which state that students must respect local residents and be considerate to the local community.

Students are responsible for visitors to their homes.

Disciplinary action may be taken in the case of:

- Any violent, indecent, disorderly, threatening, intimidating or offensive behaviour or language whether expressed orally or in writing, including electronically.
- Sexual, racial or any other form of harassment, including bullying.
- Excessive noise that causes a disturbance to other residents at any time of day or night.
- Non-compliance with local council waste and recycling collection procedures.
- Any other behaviour that causes danger or distress.
- Any other misconduct (as defined by the Regulations) within the community.

Students visiting any of the University's accommodation sites must comply with the requirements of the residences' local rules.

Misconduct can be dealt with locally first by the Community Liaison Manager or the Head of Student Residential Life. Extreme cases will be referred to the Pro Vice-Chancellor.

The full [Student Disciplinary Regulations](#) are available on the University of Bristol website.

Breaches of community behaviour rules

Complaints

A clear procedure is in place to deal with complaints made by members of the community about students. It is expected that problems will be resolved at step one when students are made aware of the complaint and the potential consequences of their actions. Further complaints may result in referral to the Pro Vice Chancellor. If found guilty this will lead to a record of the misconduct being kept on the student's record, which may be referred to in references.

The procedure outline can also be found on our [guide to community living](#) webpage.

Penalties

Any student in breach of the community behaviour rules may incur one or more of the following penalties:

- A written reprimand;
- A caution, which means that no immediate punishment is imposed, but if the student is found guilty of misconduct on a subsequent occasion within a specified time, he or she will then be dealt with for both offences;
- A fine not exceeding £250 at local level;
- The requirement to pay compensation;
- The requirement to give and comply with a written statement as to future behaviour;
- The requirement to attend a specified course or programme and to pay the reasonable cost as determined at the relevant time by the University;
- The requirement to write a letter of apology to those affected by the misconduct;
- The requirement to perform unpaid services for the University community to a maximum of 20 hours;
- Exclusion, for a specified period, from the use of a specified University service or facility (including specified residential facilities) to which the misconduct relates;
- In circumstances where a fine or penalty is imposed, a student's Head of School will be notified;

- In the case of serious or repeated misconduct, referral to the Pro Vice-Chancellor who in addition to the penalties above may impose a fine not exceeding £800 and may exclude, suspend or expel a student;
- In the case of a breach or misconduct which is also a criminal offence, referral to the police.

Appeals

A student may appeal against a finding of guilt or the imposition of a penalty.

Appeals must be submitted in writing to the University Secretary within 14 calendar days of notification of the outcome.

Upon receipt of the appeal, the Secretary will arrange for it to be considered by a University Officer or a member of staff who is not previously associated with the case.

The person considering the appeal may reject the appeal and confirm the original penalty, uphold the appeal, or refer the case to a Committee of the Board of Trustees.

Review of the community behaviour rules

The community behaviour rules will be regularly reviewed, normally at three-year intervals.

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