

City of Kingston Noise By-Law information Sheet for Tenants

- While you are living in Kingston, you need to be aware of and comply with the by-laws of the City of Kingston, in addition to doing other things to be a good citizen.
- One of these by-laws is The City of Kingston Noise By-Law (No. 2004-52).
- In basic, **the noise by-law prohibits:**
 - Using any device that produces or amplifies sound/voices (e.g. stereos, speakers, television,etc), at **any time of day**, that can be heard outside your rental unit by others (including other apartments if you are in a multi-unit building) (s. 4.1). In other words, it is never ok to blast your music or play it at a volume that can be heard outside of your own unit.
 - Yelling, shouting, singing, playing musical instruments, etc. between 9:00 p.m. of one day and 7:00 a.m. of the next day (9:00 a.m. Sundays). Often violations here occur when students have groups of friends over at the time those friends are leaving to go downtown (or if hanging out outside).
- Any person who violates the provisions of the by-law is guilty of an offence and, upon conviction, is subject to a fine as provided in the Provincial Offences Act and other penalties.
 - By-law officers who attend your house/apartment may issue fines on the spot.
- Queen's Security may also attend your house/apartment. If a report is made, your landlord may be contacted about the problem. On occasion, offenses may also be referred to the AMS Judicial Officer for investigation/prosecution under the Student Code of Conduct.
- The full by-law can be found online at:

<https://www.cityofkingston.ca/documents/10180/16904/Noise%20Bylaw>