

# Saskatoon Noise Bylaw #8244

## What you need to know

### What is defined as bothersome under the City of Saskatoon Noise Bylaw 8244?

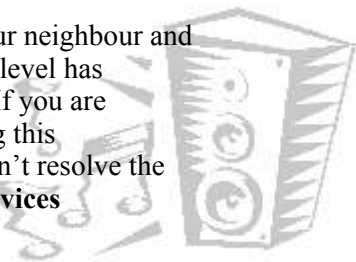
1. Any unreasonably loud or excessive noise.
2. Any noise which unreasonably disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensitivity within the jurisdictional limits of the City.
3. Any noise which is so harsh, prolonged, unnatural, or unusual in time or place as to occasion unreasonable discomfort to any persons within the neighbourhood from which said noises emanate, or as to unreasonably interfere with the peace and comfort of neighbours or their guests, or operators or customers of places of business, or as to detrimentally or adversely affect such residences or places of business.

**Remember...you are responsible for your guests. It is important to ensure your gathering does not become a nuisance to your neighbours!**

### Noisy, disruptive parties...what to do?

You can approach your neighbour and explain that the noise level has become bothersome. If you are concerned about using this approach or feel it won't resolve the matter **call Police Services at 975-8300.**

An officer will respond as quickly as possible and carefully review the circumstances before further actions are taken.





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## Police Involvement

What does an officer have to consider when laying a charge under the Noise Bylaw?

the proximity of the sound to sleeping facilities, whether residential or commercial;  
the land use, nature and zoning of the area from which the sound emanates and the area where it is received or perceived;  
the time of day or night the sound occurs;  
the duration of the sound;  
the volume of the sound;  
the nature of the sound;  
whether the sound is recurrent, intermittent or constant; and  
the nature of the event or activity from which the sound emanates.

A charge under the Noise Bylaw may be considered if, after careful review of the circumstances listed above, the noise is considered unnecessary or unusual, and annoys, disturbs or injures others or can be considered harsh or prolonged creating a discomfort to persons within the neighborhood.

What actions can the police take when a complaint is placed?

If the party is still active when police arrive they can respond in three ways:

1. Issue a warning to the occupants
2. Issue a \$100 bylaw offence notice
3. Issue a summons to appear in court where a fine of up to \$10,000 can be levied by the court

If the party is not active and you still wish to leave a complaint, or a notice or fine are to be issued, the complainant will be required to leave a witness statement describing the event and resulting complaint in detail. The complainant must be prepared to state their story in court if charges are laid.