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DID YOU KNOW THAT LANDLORDS ARE NOTIFIED BY THE CITY IN CASES OF LOUD PARTIES AND OTHER NEIGHBORHOOD DISTURBANCES?

IN FACT, BOTH YOU AND YOUR LANDLORD CAN BE CHARGED AND FINED FOR ROWDY PARTIES, ILLEGAL DRUGS, ASSAULT, OBSTRUCTING AN OFFICER, VANDALISM, FURNISHING ALCOHOL TO MINORS AND OTHER LEGAL VIOLATIONS ON THE PREMISES.

✓ PARTY SMART CHECKLIST

— KEEP NOISE DOWN; THIS MEANS **NO** LOUD MUSIC, SLAMMING CAR DOORS, SAWEALING TIRES, GUESTS ON THE ROOF, YELLING IN THE STREET OR AN OVERFLOW OF CROWDS SITTING ON COUCHES IN THE YARD.

— DO NOT PERMIT ANY DRUG USE OR UNDERAGE DRINKING. IN ADDITION TO BEING CITED FOR FURNISHING A MINOR, YOU COULD BE CHARGED WITH A FELONY AND SUED IF THE MINOR IS INVOLVED IN A FATAL ACCIDENT.

— CONTROL YOUR GUESTS. KEEP THEM OUT OF OTHER PEOPLE'S YARDS. IF THEY VANDALIZE, URINATE IN THE BUSHES OR STEAL LAWN ORNAMENTS, THIS REFLECTS POORLY ON YOU AND THE UNIVERSITY.

— DON'T LET THE PARTY GET TOO BIG; LARGE GROUPS ARE HARD TO MANAGE.

— INFORM YOUR NEIGHBORS ABOUT AN UPCOMING PARTY. GIVE THEM YOUR NUMBER SO THEY CAN CALL YOU, INSTEAD OF POLICE IF THERE ARE PROBLEMS. OFFER TO CLEAN UP ANY LITTER. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR BY VOLUNTEERING TO RAKE LEAVES OR SHOVEL SNOW NEXT DOOR.

— BE SENSITIVE TO YOUR NEIGHBORS - SENIOR CITIZENS, WORKING PEOPLE, SCHOOL AGED KIDS, AND TIRED PARENTS WANT THEIR SLEEP.

THE CITY OF MANKATO HAS A **THREE STRIKES POLICY**. REPEATED CALLS TO POLICE WILL RESULT IN FINES, EVICTION, LOSS OF RENTAL LICENSE, AND TERMINATION OF UTILITIES.

PLS MANY LANDLORDS DO BACKGROUND CHECKS. BEING A PROBLEM TENANT CAN MAKE IT DIFFICULT, OR EVEN IMPOSSIBLE, FOR YOU TO FIND OTHER HOUSING IN THE CITY.

BEFORE YOU DO IT - THINK THROUGH IT!

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