


<b>First Unitarian Universalist Church Columbus, Ohio</b>		
<b>Chapter:</b> II. Congregational Responsibilities		<b>Source:</b>
<b>Title:</b> Noise		
<b>Approved by:</b> Board of Trustees		<b>Date Approved:</b> January, 2001
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- A. Policy:** Music and/or other sounds inside the church building shall not drown out normal conversational speech by two or more persons standing next to one another in the same room as the music or sound.

Music and/or other sounds shall not be audible at the perimeter of the church property after 10:00 p.m. on Sunday through Thursday evenings or after 11:00 p.m. on Friday or Saturday evenings.

Noise must be kept within acceptable limits at all times so as not to disturb our neighbors. In the event that a complaint is made to the police or to the church, the right to use the building will be lost for a period of two years.

**B. Procedure:**

- One person for each event or evening shall be responsible for ensuring that sound levels shall not exceed these restrictions. The responsible person's name should appear on the form requesting a room reservation or rental agreement that is filed with the office administrator. Usually the responsible person would be a committee chair or the event coordinator.
- The penalty for violation shall be loss of deposit or, for groups who do not pay a deposit, loss of privileges to use church facilities for a period of two years.