IMPORTANT
Town of Plymouth Disorderly Actions, Alcohol, and Noise Ordinances are located on the back of this pamphlet.

CCC (Campus Community Council)
Open meeting for students, faculty, staff, landlords, town citizens, selectmen, police, newspapers, and anyone interested in meeting together as an entire community to discuss related items. Usually meets 3 times a semester. For more information contact the office of the Dean of Students at 535-2206.

State of New Hampshire Landlord and Tenant Law
http://www.larcnh.org/Home/PublicWeb/GetAssistance/Housing/Publications/TenantRights/

Plymouth State University Student Handbook:
http://www.plymouth.edu/stulife/handbook/handbook.html

Plymouth State Community Service Learning Center
http://www.plymouth.edu/hub/cslc/
Coordinates volunteer service projects in the community. 535-2376

To avoid getting in trouble please remember:
Facilitating/Hosting an Underage Drinking Party (RSA 644:18): An underage drinking party is any gathering of 5 or more where at least one person is illegally possessing alcohol. This is a misdemeanor that could carry a fine up to $1,200 and a jail sentence up to 1 year.

Occupancy Law (RSA 153:3): Gatherings of 50 or more people in any building or tent are not permitted without a permit. This can result in a fine up to $1,000.

Prohibited Sales: Sale or delivery of alcohol beverages to persons under 21 (RSA 179:5): New Hampshire law prohibits the sale or delivery of alcoholic beverages to persons under 21 with a fine of up to $2000.00 and/or a year in jail. (In other words, just giving alcohol to an underage friend or your underage friend taking some from your apartment breaks this law).

Off-Campus summons and arrests:
If you receive a summons or are arrested by any police agency don’t be surprised when you are also contacted by the Plymouth State Judicial Programs office. Good citizenship is a strong value at PSU and is part of our mission. Administrators care about the personal well-being of the students who attend Plymouth State as well as the quality of life in our community.

PSU and Plymouth Phone Numbers:
- Campus Storm Line: 535-3535
- Dean of Students: 535-2206
- Health Services: 535-2350
- Office of Student Conduct: 535-2206
- Plymouth Code Enforcement Officer: 536-1731
- Plymouth and PSU police emergency: 536-1626 or 911
- Plymouth Police (non-emergency): 536-1828
- Plymouth Town Administrative Office: 536-1731
- Speare Hospital: 536-1120
- University Police (non-emergency): 535-2330
- Vice President for Student Affairs PSU: 535-2240

To help it be safe and fun:
- Invite a specified number of people – only as many as you can comfortably fit in your apartment or house and that does not violate your lease or exceed the town ordinance (50 people). Word of mouth parties can get out of hand because of the number of people who just show up and underage people looking for a place to drink.
- Provide non-alcoholic beverages and food for your guests.
- Tell your neighbors in advance about the gathering and ask them to call if it becomes too loud or bothers them. Then be sure to resolve the problem immediately.
- Know the local and state laws pertaining to furnishing and serving alcohol. It is illegal to serve or provide alcohol to a minor and if you host a party where an underage person consumes alcohol you may be held liable for any negative occurrences that happen to them after they leave. It is also illegal to charge admission to a gathering where alcohol is served.
- If there is not legal parking near your apartment tell your guests where they can legally park so that they are not disrupting the neighbors around you.
- Be sure your guests are people you know. Strangers have no reason to care about how they treat your property or your neighbor’s property.
- After the gathering pick up trash outside (and of course inside too) and dispose of in appropriate receptacles.
- If you are confronted for noise or other issues please be respectful.
- The day after talk with your neighbors to be sure they have no complaints.

If things don’t develop as you intended and you need help removing people from your apartment please call University Police 535-2330 or Plymouth Police 536-1828 or if the need is an emergency call (911).
Being a Neighbor

😊 You are part of the community. Remember that your actions affect others around you.

😊 Introduce yourself to the other students, families, and residents that live around you. Getting to know your neighbors will help you feel more comfortable and safe living in the area and help them feel the same as well.

😊 If you have a get together at your place let your neighbors know ahead of time. Inquire if they have any concerns ahead of time that you can help prevent and encourage them to let you know directly if they have any concerns during the event so police don’t need to be called.

😊 Plymouth is a beautiful town, please contribute to that quality by keeping the outside of your apartment or house cleaned up and free of trash and unneeded objects.

😊 You may be living in your residence temporarily. Please remember that many of your neighbors have been living in their homes for much of their lives or at least for several years.

😊 Please be considerate of your parking habits. Don’t take up two spaces with one car or block driveways or sidewalks and only park legally.

😊 Please realize that there may be residents, elderly, and children that go to bed at an earlier time than you. Noise can travel easily and as you know when your sleep is disrupted it can make the day difficult.

😊 Report any suspicious behavior to police.

😊 Assist neighbors who may have trouble with snow removal, cutting their lawns or other tasks.

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- Making loud or unreasonable noises in a public place, or making loud or unreasonable noises in a private place which can be heard in a public place or other private places, which noises would disturb a person of average sensibilities. (Any time of day or night)

- Possession of open containers of alcohol on public property or consumption of alcohol on public property such as sidewalks, parking lots, and streets.

- Knowingly refusing to comply with a lawful order of a police officer to move from any public place.

- Knowingly or purposely creating a condition which is hazardous to oneself or another in a public place by any action which serves no legitimate purpose.

- Engaging in fighting or violent, tumultuous or threatening behavior in a public place.

- Directing at another person in a public place obscene, derisive, or offensive words which are likely to provoke a violent reaction on the part of any ordinary person.

- Obstructing vehicular or pedestrian traffic on any public street or sidewalk or the entrance to any public building.

- Engaging in conduct in a public place which substantially interferes with a criminal investigation, a firefighting operation to which RSA 154:17 is applicable, the provision of emergency medical treatment, or the provision of other services when traffic or pedestrian management is required.

For more information: http://nh.gov/oep/resourcelibrary/referencelibrary/n/noisecontrol/plymouth.txt

Your Off-Campus Living Experience

“Each person in his/her day-to-day relationships can be mastering the art of community.”
–Arthur E. Morgan

“Education worthy of the name is essentially the education of character.”
Martin Buber

“The first year I lived off-campus I never got to know my neighbors. The second year I went around and introduced myself. What a difference that made. It really felt like home. We knew each other’s names and I felt like I was really part of the community.”
–Plymouth State Student