

Good Neighbor Policy

Purpose:

The Good Neighbor Policy of Valparaiso University is established to promote responsible behavior and positive relations between the University community and the local neighborhoods in Valparaiso, Indiana in which students reside. This policy highlights the University's expectation of students assuming responsibility for their conduct, the conduct of their guests, and underscores the University's commitment to addressing concerns raised by the local Valparaiso community.

By adhering to the principles of the Good Neighbor Policy, Valparaiso University students contribute to the creation of a respectful and harmonious relationship between the University and the local communities, ensuring a positive living experience for everyone involved.

Scope:

This policy applies to all Valparaiso University students, particularly those residing in non-University operated, off-campus residences. The policies outlined in the Student Handbook apply to both on-campus and off-campus behavior.

Good Neighbor Responsibilities of Valparaiso University Students:

It is the expectation of Valparaiso University that University students residing in non-University operated, off-campus residences contribute to the creation of respectful and harmonious relationships with the local communities in which they reside. The same expectation applies to University residential students that are visiting or are guests at an off-campus student residence.

Students residing in non-University, off-campus residences are expected to be aware of all local ordinances (see links below) that are related to the local community's expectations of residential behavior.

Valparaiso University reserves the right to refer any University student identified as being involved in disruptive, disorderly, destructive, and/or unlawful behavior to the University's student conduct process. Valparaiso University may take, at its discretion, disciplinary action for off-campus infractions of University and student life policies and expectations as outlined in the Student Handbook. This includes any and all instances of when a student's behavior threatens or endangers the safety and well-being of individuals within the campus or local community; when a student is the subject of a violation of local, state, or federal law; and/or when a student's alleged misconduct has a direct detrimental impact on the University's functions and operations, pursuit of its mission, or on the wellbeing of its community neighbors.

City of Valparaiso Code of Ordinances:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/valparaiso/latest/valparaiso_in/0-0-0-1

General Regulations:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/valparaiso/latest/valparaiso_in/0-0-0-2984

Public Nuisance:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/valparaiso/latest/valparaiso_in/0-0-0-3358

Noise:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/valparaiso/latest/valparaiso_in/0-0-0-3887

General Offenses:

https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/valparaiso/latest/valparaiso_in/0-0-0-4403