

**ACTIVITY CHARTER INTERHOMECOUNCIL – DEPARTMENT OF STUDENT FACILITIES**  
**Organization of activities by home councils in the UGent Homes**

Each home, with the exception of Home Heymans, has a recreation room for its residents. Only home councils are allowed to organize activities in the recreation room. For these events the following conditions apply:

- ✓ activities are organized only for residents;
- ✓ all activities must be applied for through the Housing Office at least one week in advance;
- ✓ at least two Student Buddies need to be assigned for each activity. Student Buddies act as contact persons (for students, internal UGent departments and external parties) and are responsible for making sure that the activity proceeds smoothly. Student Buddies wear a clearly recognizable badge and can be reached by phone during the activity. The telephone number is announced to the Housing Office, the Ghent University Emergency Centre (PerC), and to residents;
- ✓ all necessary measures need to be taken to rule out any kind of nuisance during and after an activity. (The Internal Rules and Regulations stipulate that there must be absolute silence after 11.00 pm);
- ✓ end time is 2.00 am. At 1.00 am, the music stops and no more drinks are served. At 2.00 am, premises have been cleaned. The recreation room, the adjacent sanitary facilities and adjacent entries and exits must be checked to ensure that they are tidy and must be cleaned if necessary;

In case of disturbances, the activity must be stopped and the home council will be questioned afterwards by the Housing Office. In the event that there are repeated disturbances the conditions will be revised. Each home council is exclusively allowed to organize 5 activities with possible noise nuisance. For such events the following conditions apply:

- ✓ noisy activities are parties (a gathering with loud music that is open to non-residents), sing-alongs, ...
- ✓ each home, except home Heymans, is entitled to organise no more than 5 noisy activities per year (for the homes on the Kantienberg site a max. of 5 activities for the entire site applies);
- ✓ Organizing open parties is only allowed in Homes Bertha, Boudewijn and Astrid. Only these homes are in compliance with the safety regulations for such activities that include external parties;
- ✓ activities are organized for the residents. Only open parties are open to external parties;
- ✓ in order to spread any nuisance from such activities the following terms apply: a minimum of two weeks between each activity and a maximum of 3 activities per semester;
- ✓ at least 3 student buddies are to be assigned for each activity;
- ✓ residents should be informed about the activity at least two weeks in advance;
- ✓ all necessary measures must be taken to limit any kind of nuisance to a minimum during and after each activity (for instance no 'alcoholic beverages' may be served to persons who are clearly intoxicated, it must be avoided to allow persons outside of the recreation room and cause a nuisance to residents or neighbours, every floor must be checked every hour to rule out any form of nuisance);
- ✓ if an open party is planned it is possible to apply for a SECURITAS-agent, after consulting the PerC;
- ✓ water will be offered for free, and at 03.00 a.m. there is a soft drink *happy hour*;
- ✓ the noise does not exceed the legal limits(cf. VLAREM – standards), a decibel meter is available;
- ✓ in the event of an open party, all necessary measures as listed on [www.fuiveningent.be](http://www.fuiveningent.be) must be taken;
- ✓ end time for these possibly noisy activities is 5.00 a.m.

Serving liquor is not allowed. The Interhomecouncil conducts an awareness campaign on alcohol - during each activity -, with a strong visual impact (in cooperation with the Housing Office and IDPBW) and participates in training seminars on alcohol and prevention, in collaboration with internal and external partners.

Barbecues are allowed, if timely applied for. The home council knows the safety regulations and implements them. Every home council, including the Home Konvent is allowed to organize one barbecue per year. The end time for a barbecue is 02:00 am. It is not possible to organize a barbecue in homes Groningen, Uppsala, Canterbury, Göttingen and Heymans.

In order to optimize the integration of home residents in their neighbourhood, the home councils will once a year organize an event for neighbours (at least in the outside homes). This is an open door event to which the neighbourhood is invited by the home council in order to get to know the home, its residents and its organization.