



Consider others if you party

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PARTY animals have been urged to hush up after 10pm as noise complaints skyrocket.

Loud gatherings upsetting the neighbours shot up 40 per cent in the first half of December in Sydney compared with the same time last year.

Authorities urged hosts to shut down their party when the clock strikes midnight on Friday and Saturday nights and at 10pm on any other day.

However, they've also asked party poopers to chill out on New Year's Eve, when staying up past midnight is a must.

The Institute of Strata Title Management president David Ferguson urged people to keep the noise down after 10pm.

"Even something as innocent as sitting outside on your balcony having a drink and talking to friends can get you off-side with the neighbours if there's a bit of noise," he said.

Council rangers and police can issue warnings to stop offensive noise and failure to comply could mean on-the-spot fines of \$200.