



The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office would like to provide information surrounding the unsanctioned street party known as Deltopia, related laws, and what to expect from if you violate the laws during Deltopia weekend.

Deltopia is an unsanctioned event, meaning it is not permitted or licensed in any way. The event leads to dozens of preventable medical emergencies, many as the result of the abuse of alcohol and drugs. This puts a major strain on resources effecting other communities in the county. Interpersonal violence crimes are also a serious concern around this event.

During Deltopia weekend, you can expect a large law enforcement presence, and a zero-tolerance enforcement stance. Zero tolerance enforcement means if you chose to attend Deltopia weekend and violate the law can expect to receive a citation or potentially be arrested. The Isla Vista Foot Patrol Restorative Justice Program will be suspended during Deltopia Weekend, and all citations and arrests will be forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for criminal filing. It is the Sheriff's Office's stance that participation in the unsanctioned street party Deltopia is against the ethos of what Restorative Justice stands for, and it will not be viewed as a "get out of jail free" card for participants during the Deltopia weekend.

Below you will find local laws and regulations surrounding party related offenses in Isla Vista.

Alcohol and drug related violations:

Business and Professions Code 25662(a)- Minor in possession of alcohol
If you are under the age of 21, you may not possess alcohol at all, whether it is closed or not. This violation is a misdemeanor and is a citable and or arrestable offense.

Business and Professions Code 25661- Possession of a fake ID
Possessing a fake ID is a misdemeanor and is a citable and or arrestable offense.

Santa Barbara County Ordinance 36-2 and 36-3

You may not possess an open container of alcohol in a public place, nor can you consume alcohol in a public place. This violation is an infraction and is a citable offense.

Penal Code 148.9(a)- Providing false ID to peace officer

Providing false ID to law enforcement or whether it be a fake ID or verbally false is a misdemeanor and is a citable and or arrestable offense. If you provide false information to a peace officer, you should expect to be arrested.

Penal Code 148(a)(1)- Resist, obstruct, or delay a peace officer

Running from law enforcement, delaying or interfering with a law enforcement during an investigation, or fighting law enforcement is a misdemeanor and an arrestable offense. If you resist, obstruct, or delay a peace officer you should expect to be arrested.

Other common laws to be cognizant of:

Penal Code 374.3(a): Littering (Urine)

Penal Code 374.4(a): Littering (Trash)

Business & Professions Code 25658(a): Furnish alcohol to a minor

Penal Code 647(a): Lewd Conduct in public view

Santa Barbara County Ordinance 24-15: Public nudity

The following information is regarding the festival and social host ordinance, which sets guidelines surrounding party size, paid parties, noise ordinance, enforceable sections which can lead to your party being shut down, among other topics. If you plan to host a party during Deltopia weekend, please review these sections and familiarize yourself with them to avoid receiving a citation and or being arrested for violating these sections.

Section 6-70: "Outdoor festival" defined.

Outdoor festival means any music festival, dance festival, "rock" festival or similar musical activity, at which is provided by paid or professional, or amateur performers or by prerecorded means, which is held at any place other than in a permanent building or permanent installation which permanent installation has been constructed for the purpose of conducting such activities, to which members of the public are invited or admitted or which otherwise open to view for a charge or free of cost which is to be or is attended by five hundred persons or more, except those outdoor festivals that are held within the area bounded by, and including El Colegio Road, Camino Majorca to Storke Road, Ocean Road to Stadium Road and the Pacific Ocean in the unincorporated area of the Isla Vista which is to be or is attended by two hundred and fifty persons or more.

Section 6-70.01(a):

"Outdoor festivals" as defined in section 6-70 and any musical festival, musical performance, musical amplification, dance festival, "rock" festival or similar musical activity, at which music is provided by paid or professional, or amateur performers or by prerecorded means, emanating from residential or commercial property and amplified through any radio, loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or similar device, which is audible from the public right of way adjacent to or surrounding the property line of that residential or commercial property, and is held at any place other than in a permanent building or permanent installation that has been constructed for the purpose of conducting such activities, to which members of the public are invited or admitted or which otherwise are open to view for free or by paid admission are prohibited from 6:00 p.m. the evening of, to 7:00 a.m. of the following morning of the following dates, within the area bounded by, and including, El Colegio Road, Camino Majorca to Storke Road, Ocean Road to Stadium Road and the Pacific Ocean in the unincorporated area of Isla Vista on the following dates:

1. The Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the first week of Spring Quarter of the University of California Santa Barbara Academic Calendar.

In short, music cannot be audible from the curtilage of a residence or business from 1800-0700 during and Deltopia. A violation is an infraction.

Section 6-70.01(b): Outdoor Festivals (including concerts and DJs) with over 250 attendees are prohibited at all times on residential properties. This includes mixed-use buildings such as the Icon apartments. A violation is an infraction.

Section 6-70.02(a): Outdoor Festivals and any other live musical performance or sound amplification (i.e. DJs), regardless of size that require a ticket purchase, donation or fee are prohibited at all times in Isla Vista residential properties. A violation is a misdemeanor. Violators are subject to arrest or citation.

Section 6-70.02(b): Outdoor Festivals and any other live music performance or sound amplification, regardless of size, that sells alcohol is prohibited at all times in Isla Vista residential properties. A violation is a misdemeanor. Violators are subject to arrest or citation.

Section 36-6(b): This section is known as the "Social Host/Nuisance Party" ordinance. Along with 36-6(a), it gives law enforcement authority to shut down parties when certain activities are observed or connected with a party at a specific address. Subsection (b) now gives the authority to shut a party down when one of the following events occurs:

243(b) PC	Battery on a Peace Officer, Firefighter, or EMT
243(d) PC	Battery with SBI
243.4 PC	Sexual Battery
245 PC	Assault with a Deadly Weapon

272(a)(1) PC	Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor
451 PC	Arson
455 PC	Attempted Arson
148(a)(1) PC	Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Peace Officer
148.2(1) PC	Willfully Resisting/Obstructing a Firefighter/Medic
647(a)PC	Lewd and Lascivious Acts
417 PC	Brandishing a Weapon
25658 B&P	Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

Section 36-6(c): In addition to the criminal offenses in subsection (b), observation of a single instance of the following activities or offenses can cause a party, concert, or gathering to be shut down:

- Throwing objects that may inflict injury or damage.
- Stage diving or diving from balconies, rooftops, or raised structures.
- Partying on top of rooftops or allowing people to access the roof to party or congregate.
- Climbing over, under or around any bluff barrier to access the open bluffs, or allowing people to access the bluffs in such a manner.
- Any party or concert that charges a ticket, fee or donation that is held on a residential property.
- Any party or concert that sells alcohol without a permit in violation of 25604B&P.
- Any party or concert that significantly obstructs the public right-of-way preventing the free movement of vehicles and pedestrians.

Section 36-8: Any person violating any section of 36-6 is guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person guilty of a violation of 36-7CO (Failure to Disperse Upon a Lawful Order), is guilty of an infraction.

FAQ:

Will my party be shut down if guests are on the roof or climbing on to the bluffs?

Yes. Partygoers on rooftops or on the bluff side of guard railings on residential properties is a violation of SBCO 36-6(c), and you should expect to receive a citation for violating this section.

Will my party be shut down if there are 250 people or more in attendance?

Yes. It is a violation of SBCO 6-70.01(b) to host a party with over 250 attendees on residential properties, to include mixed-use buildings such as the Icon Apartments. You should expect to receive a citation for violating this section.

Will my party be shut down if I sell alcohol?

Yes. Any party that sells alcohol without a permit in violation of 25604B&P is also a violation of SBCO 36-6(c) and SBCO 6-70.02(b). You should expect to receive a citation for violating these sections.

Will my party be shut down if I sell tickets for attendance? Yes, selling tickets for attendance at a party in a residential zone is a violation of 6-70.02(a) and you should expect to receive a citation for violating this section.

Who is responsible for a violation of these sections? The owner, tenant, occupant, organizer, promoter, performer, or anyone who assisted in the act that caused a violation of these sections.

Will the music equipment be confiscated if I violate these sections? Yes, if you violate these sections the music equipment used during the violation may be collected and booked as evidence and held until the conclusion of the court process.

Will these violations be eligible for Isla Vista Foot Patrol Restorative Justice? No. Restorative Justice will be suspended during Deltopia weekend. All citations and arrested will be forwarded to the District Attorney's office for criminal filing.

Additionally, monitoring and policing your party will help in preventing violations of SBCO 36-6(b) and SBCO 36-6(c). You can always call the Isla Vista Foot Patrol and request assistance in removing guests if your party gets out of hand, reducing your chance of a violation of these sections.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Community Resource Deputy Carrell at 805-681-4602, or at crm5205@sbsheriff.org.