



# Are you living off campus in Saanich?

CHECK OUT HOW TO NAVIGATE THESE COMMON ISSUES TO HELP MAKE LIFE A LITTLE EASIER!



We want to provide students living in the community with information on a range of common Saanich bylaw enforcement issues from parties to parking.

## FINDING ACCOMMODATION

### Up to 6 unrelated people per home



Any number of people who are related can live in a single-family home but only six unrelated people can live together as a household in a house in Saanich.

Zoning Bylaw No. 8200

### What if I rent an illegal suite?



If the suite is found to be illegal then the owner will be given the option to legalize it. Since illegal suites can't stay occupied, you may need to move if it's not made legal. Call us to check the zoning.

Zoning Bylaw No. 8200

### What if the building is rundown?



Contact your landlord and discuss repairs to correct the issues. If the landlord doesn't take action, you can register your own complaint with the Bylaw Office.

Minimum Property Maintenance Standards Bylaw No. 4050

### Look out for potential hazards



If you suspect that there is something that may be unsafe such as poor plumbing, no windows in the bedrooms, etc. then contact our Bylaw Office. We'll inspect the home for safety items.

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### Where can I park my vehicle?



Most parking complaints are a result of too many vehicles for the amount of parking on the property. Be aware of your legal parking options before you agree to rent.

Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 8382

## YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

### Noise complaints



Noise is one of our most common complaints. Remember that your new neighbourhood is a permanent home to most of your neighbours so consideration is always welcome.

Noise Suppression Bylaw No. 7059

### Illegal dumping



Dispose of paint or other chemicals responsibly but not down the storm drain, including leaked fluids from your car. Don't leave old furniture, rocks or other items on the boulevard or street. Find great recycling resources online or with the Capital Regional District.

Garbage Collection And Disposal Bylaw No. 9233

### Removing snow and ice



Check your rental agreement to see if you're responsible for this. If this is the case, keep sidewalks in front of the property clear of snow and ice - obstructed sidewalks are a bylaw offence. Plus, it's the neighbourly thing to do!

Streets and Traffic Regulation Bylaw No. 8382

### Keep things tidy



Keep your property in line with the standard for the neighbourhood and stay on top of normal maintenance. Don't allow garbage or debris to build up and keep sidewalks free of overgrown trees and shrubs.

Unightly Premises Bylaw No. 8417

### What about open air burning?



Beach fires are not permitted and backyard burning is restricted to rural areas in Saanich and may require a permit. Before lighting a backyard fire, using your wood stove or burning yard waste, please contact the Saanich Fire Department to ([saanich.ca/fire](http://saanich.ca/fire)) to make sure it's allowed and safe.

Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 8807

## Bylaw enforcement in Saanich

The key to living off campus is to ensure that your behaviour fits in with the community standard, which includes complying with Saanich bylaws. Enforcing bylaws in Saanich is primarily complaint driven, meaning that our investigations are often prompted by complaints received. In some cases, however, bylaw enforcement officers also conduct proactive enforcement, particularly where a violation may negatively impact the environment, public health and safety or public property.

Questions? Call the Saanich Bylaw Enforcement Office at 250-475-5456 or go to [saanich.ca](http://saanich.ca)