

<b>Area of law</b>	TORT / violation of public order
<b>Level</b>	
<b>Language functions</b>	Giving advice, explaining, instructing, asking and answering questions
<b>Materials</b>	A copy of Worksheet A and B per pair of students
<b>Time</b>	

You are a **lawyer**. You have been approached by Mr/s Partner B who has problem with a loud and fun-loving neighbour, Mr Entertainer. S/he seeks your advice.

Read the notes below:

1. Everybody has the right to rest in peace and quiet at night between 10pm and 6am. (Tort Law - nuisance)
2. Disturbing the neighbours at night is an offence.
3. Anybody who violates the public order and disturbs the quiet hours at night can be made accountable for that act.
4. All depends on how often the situation occurs. If it is occasional, the best advice is to go and to reprimand the neighbour. If it does not help, you can call the police or city guards. Police usually command more respect.
5. When the situation repeats over a longer period of time and you live in a block of flats, you can ask the administrator to reprimand Mr Entertainer.
6. If this does not help, you should call the police or the city guards. They can fine your neighbour (PLN 200), they can write a note which later can be used as evidence if you decide to go to court.
7. Legal basis: section 51 clause 1 of Violations Code (Kodeks Wykroczeń)

Your partner will start.

You live in a quiet residential area of a medium size town in Poland. In the area there are detached and semi-detached houses, a park and some shops. One day Mr Entertainer moves into a house across the street...

**Read the notes below:**

1. Mr Entertainer likes to throw parties, especially on Friday and Saturday nights
2. He and his guests play loud music, shout and speak loud in the street outside the pub waking up the neighbours, littering the surroundings and violating the public order and the quiet hours.
3. You try to talk to Mr Entertainer. He always apologises but never turns down the volume.
4. You feel helpless. All your weekend nights are sleepless. You tried ear-plugs but you think it is not a solution.
5. You decide to consult a lawyer, Mr/s Partner A.

You will start.

# Follow Up

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How to inform your neighbours about the party that you are planning to throw.

1. Talk to them.
2. Prepare a notice and display it on the wall next to the lift where everybody can see it.
3. In your notice inform the neighbours about the party and apologise.
4. Try to organise parties at the weekend rather than on week days when people must get up early in the morning to go to work or school.
5. Write your notice below.

