HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

The Creighton University community is based on a Catholic, Jesuit tradition and is committed to supporting the intrinsic value of each human being. This tradition involves striving to create a human community influenced by the principles of justice and love, complete with respect and concern for all persons as children of God. The Creighton University community is dedicated to the promotion of values consistent with personal and academic excellence.

Consistent with our Standards of Conduct is the affirmative support for equal rights and opportunities for all members of the Creighton University community, realizing that you are a member of a larger community, understanding societal issues, and being a responsible participant in the civic and Creighton community.

Always try to do what is right and fair by treating others as you would expect to be treated yourself. Know that being a good neighbor can be difficult because people hold different beliefs and perceptions.

It is important that all of us respect the rights of others and that we accept the responsibilities, as well as the benefits, of good citizenship. This guidance gives students awareness and understanding how behavior may affect others.

Students must adhere to the Creighton University Community Standards on and off campus. Students who allow or sponsor house parties that disturb the neighborhood and adversely affect surrounding community, will be subject to review by the University and be referred to the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing.

1. Promote a peaceful and a respectful environment

Protect the environment from noise, litter and other intrusions. This includes being appropriately quiet during evening and night hours, keeping auto and home stereo systems at acceptable sound levels, and not leaving litter or trash on campus, City of Phoenix streets or neighbors' or students' properties.

<u>Phoenix Police Department Crime Prevention</u>

2. Keep the exterior of your house/apartment tidy

Properly maintain off-campus rooms, apartments or houses. This includes many of the recommendations stated above plus other vital information, such as keeping rooms, apartments and houses litter-free and putting trash on the street curb for pick-up once per week. Students who live off-campus can contact the City of Phoenix to find out about trash pickups and recycling.

3. Know your rights as a citizen of Phoenix

Educate yourself on how to report things to your local precinct, or your neighborhood association. All tenants and landlords are subject to the zoning and health and safety laws of the city of Phoenix. Please feel free to contact the Office of Community Standards and Wellbeing, to find out more about the zoning laws and how they affect students as tenants.

• Mayor's Office: 602-262-7111

• Phoenix Police Department Crime Prevention

• <u>City Chamber</u>: 602-495-2195

4. Engage in the greater Phoenix community

All students are encouraged to join on-campus clubs/organizations, which perform community service by working with such groups as CASA, Catholic Charities, <u>local parishes</u> or local soup kitchens.

Students who live off campus are also encouraged to join civic programs and neighborhood associations because membership for these groups are not limited to homeowners. It is rewarding and mutually beneficial to participate in community-service learning and neighborhood activities, such as civic meetings and block parties.