♦ **What exactly is a noise violation?**

It depends on the time of day. Here are two examples of possible violations regardless of the time of day:

- Loud music that can be heard more than 50 feet from the property or vehicle that it originates from.
- Car alarms that are malfunctioning and sound on a regular basis for reasons other than their intended purpose.

Here are examples of possible violations occurring between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.:

- Loud parties or social gatherings that are audible more than 50 feet from the property they are held.
- Home maintenance noises such as lawn mowers, chain saws, blowers, and hammers, unless they are being used in conjunction with an emergency.

♦ **Whom should I call?**

Call Cheney Police Dispatch, (509) 498-9233. This begins the process of documenting your complaint and initiates police response. Call when the noise problem is occurring. Police will be dispatched as soon as possible. The sooner you call, the quicker the response will be.

♦ **What information will the police want?**

The dispatcher will ask where you are calling from and where the noise is coming from. Be as specific as you can, including the address of the source of the noise or the general area. Tell the dispatcher what the noise is, such as construction equipment, a loud party, or people yelling.

♦ **How will my noise complaint be handled after I call?**

An officer will be dispatched to the source of the noise and will determine if a violation of the City’s noise ordinance is occurring. If a violation exists, the officer will contact the responsible person(s) and take one of the following actions: issue a formal warning, issue a citation, or make an arrest. If there is no violation, the officer will typically inform the person(s) that there are complaints about the noise and inform them of the City’s noise ordinance.

♦ **What if the noise resumes after the police leave?**

Call the police again and let them know the noise has resumed. Officers will be dispatched to the scene again. If there is a violation, a citation may be issued or an arrest made.

♦ **What if I am not satisfied with the way my noise complaints are handled or the noise problems are ongoing?**

If the noise is ongoing the same night, call the Police Department and ask to speak to a supervisor. Explain that the noise is continuing. The supervisor will send an officer to the source of the noise again. If the supervisor or officer tell you that there is no violation, there is nothing further police can do because the noise is not violating any ordinances.

♦ **What if the noise is coming from the Eastern Washington University campus?**

Noise complaints regarding events on the University campus will be referred to EWU Campus Police. Please call Cheney Police at (509) 498-9233 to make your complaint, and it will be forwarded to the on-duty EWU officer. Please note that the University, Cheney School District, trains, normal business operations, events sanctioned by the City of Cheney, and snow removal equipment are automatically exempt from the noise ordinance. Noise ordinance exemptions for special events can be granted upon written application to the Chief of Police.

♦ **Where can I learn more?**

For additional information about our noise ordinance, please visit [www.cityofcheney.org/laws-and-regulations](http://www.cityofcheney.org/laws-and-regulations) and select Noise Ordinance under the Quick Links heading.
**Renters’ Insurance: A Smart Idea**

Have you ever thought about what would happen if you had a fire in your apartment or rented home? What if the fire occurred in the unit upstairs, and your belongings were damaged? Don’t make the mistake of assuming your landlord’s insurance will cover your personal belongings. You need a separate policy written specifically for renters.

Renters’ insurance protects your belongings from theft and other loss due to various disasters that might occur in, or to, your rental unit. Renter’s insurance protects you, providing you with the funds necessary to replace what you have lost.

One of the biggest advantages of renter’s insurance is its relatively low cost. You can find renter’s insurance quotes online or from local agents, and you might be surprised at how little the cost is for your peace of mind.

**EWU Homecoming 2014**

**Paint the Town RED**

**Fri, Oct 24:** Spirit Splash Campus & Community Decorating Contest
**Thur, Oct 30, 1:00-3:00, PUB:** Community Canned Food Drive
**Thur, Oct 30, 7 p.m., Downtown:** Bonfire, Pep Rally, Bed Races
**Fri, Oct 31, 3:30-4:30, Main Campus:** Harvest Festival, Campus Trick or Treat
**Sat, Nov 1, 9 a.m., Downtown:** 5K EWU Road Race
**Sat, Nov 1, 11 a.m., Downtown:** Homecoming Parade
**Sat, Nov 1, 11:30-1:30, Campus Mall:** Pre-Game Family Carnival
**Sat, Nov 1, 2:05:** Football, EWU vs. North Dakota

More info: [www.ewu.edu/homecoming](http://www.ewu.edu/homecoming)

**October Recreation Programs**

For more information or to register for any programs, please contact Cheney Parks & Recreation at (509) 498-9250, or visit our website at [www.cityofcheney.org/recreation](http://www.cityofcheney.org/recreation).

Oct 10: Middle School Late Night
Oct 10: Youth Indoor Soccer Clinic Reg Deadline
Oct 20: Indoor Soccer Clinic Begins
Oct 24: Fall Middle School Dance
Oct 29: Specialized Rec Halloween Party (reg by Oct 24)
Oct 30: Dance Session 2 Begins
Oct 31: EWU Harvest Festival, Campus Trick or Treat
Nov 1: 5K EWU Road Race
Specialized Rec Inquire & Explore: Tue & Thur 3:30—5:30

**Free Activities for Adults 50+**

Bridge: Tues & Thurs, 12—4 pm
Quilters: Mon, 12:30—3:30
Knitting: Mon 3:30—5:30, Tues 9—11 am, Thurs 4—6
Light Fitness: Tues & Thurs, 9—10 am
Sewing: 2nd & 4th Wed, 9:30 am—1 pm
Sewing: 1st Fri every month, 10:30 am—4 pm

Brrrr! Cold days are just around the corner, and help is needed to make sure every child has a warm coat. **Through October 17, new or gently used coats can be donated** at any Cheney School District school or at many local churches and businesses.

Local Kiwanis members will pick up coats from collection sites and take them to the Big Wash Laundermat and other cleaners. The clean coats will be distributed on the following dates:

- **Friday, October 24, 3-5 p.m.** – Sunset Elementary, 12824 W. 12th Avenue, Airway Heights
- **Saturday, October 25, 9 a.m.–1 p.m.** – Salnave Elementary, 1015 Salnave Road, and Westwood Middle School, 6120 S. Abbott Road

An additional distribution will be on **Monday, October 27, 5:30-6:30 p.m.**, at the Feed Cheney dinner, Wren Pieroni Community Center.

Please donate to Cheney’s Coats 4 Kids drive and help keep kids warm!