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How Not to Get Caught in the Halloween Cop Crunch

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Welcome back to another Halloween. As you all well know, Halloween is not the huge party that it used to be. In 1992 it was a massive event where thousands of people tore through Isla Vista. On the other hand, in 1995 it seemed like there were more police officers than students.

So, let's return Halloween to a local, fun event for the students and community of Isla Vista. Dress up in your favorite costume on Thursday and stroll through your small town with the outlook of having an enjoyable time. But first, I believe it is my duty as your Associated Students vice president of local affairs to educate you on a few of the laws:

The Party's Over! Local law enforcement agencies and the Santa Barbara District Attorney's office will work jointly in aggressive arrest and prosecution of those celebrants violating state and local laws and ordinances. **"No Tolerance"** means that the letter of the law will be strictly enforced. You can be held in jail for up to 48 hours without being processed. Juveniles can be held in juvenile hall up to 72 hours before being released.

Here's a breakdown of the **fines and penalties** that may be assessed for the most common offenses:

Possession of open alcohol container in public — Fine: $102-$500.

Minor in possession of alcohol — Fine: $108 and driver license suspension for one year.

Public intoxication — Six months in county jail or fine up to $1000.

Urinating in public — Fine: $275.

Disturbing the peace/fighting in public — Fine: $108.

The CHP will be setting up DUI checkpoints and roadblocks in the immediate vicinity of UCSB and Isla Vista. Those arrested for DUI face these possible fines and penalties:

Fine: $1300.

Requirement for First Offenders' Driver School — approx. $900.

Blood Alcohol Level over .15 — three days in jail. Over .20 — five days in jail. Over .25 — to be determined by th district attorney.



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License suspension for up to four months.

And, if you're under the age of 21, the following may also apply: three years probation, license suspension for one year. A new law provides for these penalties for *any* measurable amount of alcohol — if under the age of 21 —in addition to an immediate and automatic suspension of one's driver license.

Bicycling Under the Influence (BUI) will result in arrest, prosecutions, fines and/or if under 21, possible suspension of one's driver license. The fine is $210.00!

The **"ban on bands"** is still in effect for this Halloween. This includes not only live amplified music but also prerecorded music (i.e., loud stereos playing not only tapes and CDs but also the radio). $500 citations will be given — no warnings!

Parking on campus will run as usual — you must have a permit to park Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. If you choose to park you car on campus for the weekend you must move it before 6 a.m. Monday or face getting ticketed.

Road Closures will be in effect this year. Which roads will be closed has not yet been determined, but be aware that if you are driving into Isla Vista in the evening you will be required to show proof of residence or you could be turned away.

Don't be a guest in the Santa Barbara County Jail. It won't be a fun weekend if you are arrested. You won't be in a comfortable situation — you will probably be cold, exhausted and hungry.

So! Now that you've taken the time to educate yourself on the information you need to know, go out and enjoy yourself during Halloween and remember, dress up on Thursday and let's keep it local. Don't forget the Halloween fiesta in Anisq' Oyo' Park on Thursday, Friday and Saturday!

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