

**KEEP CALM
AND
ENJOY
STUDENT LIFE**

Dear student in Kralingen,

Kralingen is a fantastic area to live, study and relax. Young and old have been living here in harmony for years. As you would expect! However, in recent years, the number of students has increased vastly, which is having a negative impact on the neighbourhood.

Local residents experience nuisance including loud music, house parties, shouting in the streets, litter and bikes or scooters blocking the pavement. The number of nuisance reports to the police and municipal authorities has increased substantially. People are even moving out of the neighbourhood because the Kralingen we all love is unfortunately not changing for the better. This is worrying for all Kralingers. And that includes you

The municipal authorities are trying to tackle the nuisance together with student associations and residents' group STOK among others. Student stewards are being introduced to supervise partygoers. More police officers, street supervisors and enforcement staff are working in the neighbourhood, focusing on reducing the nuisance. They respond to reports and fine, for example, those who urinate in public (€140) and people drinking alcohol on the street (€95).

Ideally, we would like to return to a situation where students and other Kralingers live in a relaxed and respectful manner side by side as soon as possible. You want that too, don't you?

If everyone follows these guidelines, we can achieve that:

- ✓ Get to know your neighbourhood and talk to your neighbours. They're probably more easygoing than you would expect. When available, join the street app; mutual understanding is the basis for less hassle. For the neighbours and for yourself.
- ✓ Do not cause any noise: don't turn the music up to full volume. Make sure others are not bothered by a thumping bass. Many children go to sleep at 20:00. After 22:00, it should be completely quiet. Close your windows and doors and turn down the music.
- ✓ Keep it quiet in the street, garden and balcony, also when your visitors leave or you come home late. A smoke break on the pavement can cause unintentional noise.
- ✓ Pick up your cigarette butts. (Did you know that one cigarette pollutes eight litres of groundwater?)
- ✓ Don't drink on the street, keep glassware inside and, for that matter, please go to the toilet inside too. (Seriously, yes, we have to add this, unfortunately).
- ✓ Make sure you park your bike or (shared) scooter in the designated spots.
- ✓ Throw rubbish (bags) in the designated containers, not next to them (not even that old mattress) and keep the area clean.

Traffic light model

To reduce the residential nuisance caused by students (student houses), municipal authorities and the police are using the 'traffic light model'. The more frequent the nuisance, the tougher the measures. See <https://www.rotterdam.nl/samen-leven-in-kralingen>.

Together

In many cases, the relationship between students and their neighbours is good. Any tips, inspiring examples or ideas? Let us know at kralingen@rotterdam.nl. Or drop by the Wijkhub at Slaak 14.

Free cash for positive vibes!

Did you know that you can apply for a sum of money to do something fun with your neighbours or street? Visit <https://www.opzoomermee.nl>. Brainstorm with your household and do it. Your neighbours will appreciate the initiative.

Enjoy your stay in this fantastic neighbourhood, enjoy your Kralingen and that of your neighbours.
We're counting on your cooperation!

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