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# Sound Policy

We respect sound as an interactive art form; however, unlike other forms of interactive art, if amplified in excess, sound can infringe upon other participants' right to not engage in this particular art form. Element 11 wants to honor our participants' radical self-expression but also wants to ensure that we respect our neighbors. We're dedicated to creating community and encouraging healthy communication and celebration amongst community members in the small space we are limited to.

The playa is a natural amplifier of sound and it doesn't take much to produce a large amount of sound. Bass travels multi-directionally and cannot effectively be contained with any structures.

The overall guiding principle of our sound policy is "Don't be a Dick!" – meaning, please be respectful of your neighbors when playing music or creating sound and discuss problems with anyone whom you feel is being offensive with sound. A quick, friendly, respectful discussion with someone often goes a long way – we are empowering you to respectfully resolve sound disputes around you.

Here are the guidelines that make up our sound policy:

**Sound camps are located on Esplanade** All speakers MUST be turned away from the city toward the open playa at all times and not point internally into the city. Sound levels for sound systems on the Esplanade will be measured for conversational levels 70' in the open playa across from the Esplanade. Bass vibrations must not be felt more than 25 ft past the boundaries of the camp that the sound originates from.

**No Renegade Sound** If you plan to bring a sound system with high decibel amplified sound, please talk to the Element 11 BOD if you haven't already registered as a sound camp. You can email the Theme Camp Coordinator at [themecamps@element11.org](mailto:themecamps@element11.org). Inner city sound must be kept to a level where participants can have a conversation in the middle of the road in front of the camp that the sound is coming from. All speakers must be pointed inward towards the camp.

**Decoupling of Subwoofers** All subwoofers must be elevated off the ground to prevent bass from traveling a distance that could disturb other campers in the area. Again bass is multi-directional, thus pointing the subs away from campers does no good in diffusing your whomp!

**We require a minimum lift of 6-12" with some sort of padding under the subwoofer or something similar to reduce your noise pollution.**



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**Requests by Officials** You must turn your sound down or off if asked by Rangers or the Element 11 BOD. We reserve the right to monitor and adjust volume levels at any time of day for any reason we feel necessary.

**Sound Complaints** - If you are not able to effectively negotiate a solution, you may report this to a Ranger, at Ranger HQ located on 2nd and Alpha by the greeters station or the Ranger Outpost located on 2nd just north of Esplanade.

The complaint should contain:

1. The exact source of the sound. *Reports without this information will result in no action or ineffective action.*
2. The exact time of the sound disturbance. Please report problems when they happen, although reports filed the next day can be useful with persistent problem camps. We will not take action on issues of taste. *Reports without this information will result in no action or ineffective action.*

**Valid complaints** about **excessive sound** will become the concern of the Rangers. These concerns can result in:

- Volume Check and mediation between camps
- Volume Check and an 8 hr quiet time for the camp
- Volume Check and a 24 hr quiet time for the camp
- Volume Check and a shutdown of sound for the remainder of the event and possible impact on camp standing and future placement

**Sound Camps adhering to the policy will not be subject to the consequences above. We do suggest participants wear earplugs. Whether you appreciate loud music or not, someone at the event surely will be playing it. Remember music is art and to respect others' time and effort to create and project it. Respect your ears by wearing protection for them around all loud sound equipment.**

Please remember how small our city is and that sound, especially bass bleeds easily across our Utah playa . Thus we ask that you keep your volume level at a modest and considerate level for your neighbors. Speakers will be required to face a specific way to keep sound directional.