

## General Regulations in Mallorca

for all performances and shows that cause “noise” or are accompanied by music

### OUTDOOR EVENTS

1. The maximum sound level permitted at most venues throughout Mallorca is 65-76db. Some isolated venues like event fincas or hotels in the countryside of Mallorca can host entertainment with up to 92-96db. With a special license for one day some town halls allow up to 110db -- if its a venue far away from any neighbor!

2. Throughout the Balearics any noisy outdoor performance has to stop at 12 midnight, whether it's a public or a private venue!

3. All public venues (hotel, restaurant, bar, beach club etc.) need a license for hosting any performance. In most areas of Mallorca this includes the installation of a sound limiter into the fixed installed sound system, so as to maintain the maximum permitted db level even when any performer attempts to put the volume up. In more and more areas of Mallorca this sound limiter is connected via internet directly to the police station. All performers have to connect to this system, and the installed sound system also has to be used for speeches.

**\*My tip & the less complicated solution:** for your party look for a location far away from any neighbor and big tourism resort, anyone who could get angry about the noise caused by your party and call the police!

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1.) **private venue:** you can party as long and as loud as you want, if no neighbor gets upset and calls the police . . .

*1st time police comes.* . . . they are usually very polite and simply ask you to lower the sound level

*2nd time police come* . . . they inform you that they can close the party and give you a fine

*3rd time police come* . . . the police will close down the party, give you a large fine, and in some cases even take the music equipment away with them!

2.) **public venue:** Any public venue (hotel, restaurant, bar, beach club etc.) needs a license for hosting any event or performance. In most areas of Mallorca this includes the installation of a sound limiter into the fixed installed sound system. All performers must connect to this system. In other situations the venue is constructed with a special noise isolation installation. This means that

- if a venue has no limiter and no special noise reduction installation, then probably this venue has **NO** license for any kind of performance!

**\*My tip:** Many venues in Mallorca promote themselves for private parties and corporate events because it's their business, regardless if they have complied with the above. **Therefore** if you want to make party and host any kind performance, I suggest you *ask for a permission for your desired performance from the venue IN WRITING*, which also includes the permitted sound level in db!

A guideline for the sound level in front of the speakers:

- 65db-76db is like a normal conversation between a small group of people
- 80-84db is ok for having live ambient music
- 90-100db is ok for a normal dance party with dj or live band - at less volume probably no one would dance :-)
- 100-110db is needed for a great party with a rock band or similar
- 110-120db is typical for a real big rock concert or in a disco - note these levels can cause damage to your ears!

### At the end - it comes down to “do unto others ...” and taking the right precautions

Do you like to have neighbors making parties every night with music at high volume? - or -

Do you like when you are on holiday for relaxation, and the beach club nearby has a party with music you don't like at high volume all day?! Neither do your neighbors! :)

*For any questions concerning how to manage sound issues, or best locations for the best sounding events, please feel free to ask me!*

saludos cordiales desde St Ponsa / Mallorca



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