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Judge says it's cool if apartment dwellers drink in common areas

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It would seem like people can't kick back and relax nowadays without the man coming down on them. But Bronx Judge Shari Michel knows just how tough it is for us average folks and gave us a bit of leeway on our relaxation techniques. Hearing a case where a man was cited for drinking vodka in the elevator of his aunt's apartment building, Michel ruled that apartment "common areas" aren't considered public ground, thereby permitting residents and guests to legally drink alcohol in elevators, gyms, lobbies and laundry rooms. But before you rush downstairs with your dirty clothes and a bottle of Jack, remember to drink, fluff and fold responsibly. [Source]

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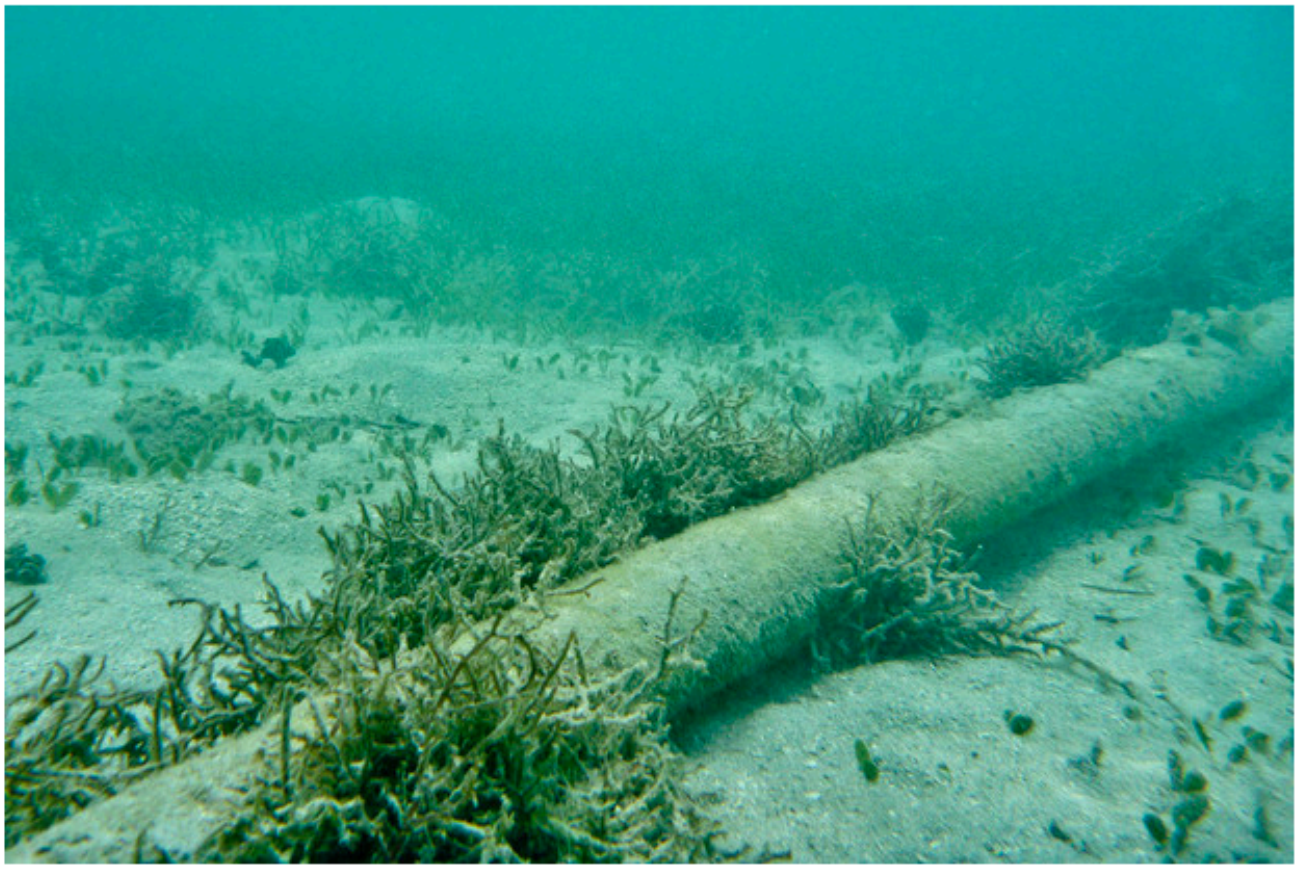

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Redditor claims landlord of the year charging extra to use elevator

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Fellow Redditors were quick to issue legal advice when user davemel37 posted a note purportedly left on the door of their apartment building's elevator. If what they claim is to be believed (and having rented ourselves, it doesn't seem implausible), their landlord is fixing to charge tenants a cheeky $35 a month to use the elevator. The note, fancily printed up with the use of a computer, apparently reads: "Dear residents, Effective Oct 1, 2013 you will need to use your scan card to use the elevator." Generously, "The first 60 uses are free and thereafter $35 a month. If you elect NOT to use this service, the stairs are still free." If this is indeed true, we predict an automated user-pays system will soon be introduced for opening and closing windows, and availing oneself of the garbage chute. [Source]

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