

# General Guidelines for Events - Thailand

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## Introduction

Events by their very nature put a strain on a villa and its staff. The purpose of these guidelines is to set the conditions under which an elite haven collection may be booked for an event to ensure that not only do the guests have a great time but also to protect the villa and the interests of its owner. The aim is to help guests and event organisers run trouble-free events based on our experiences of hosting 100's of events each year. These guidelines should be read in conjunction with the specific Villa Guidelines for a particular villa.

## What is an event?

- An event is a social gathering or celebration where the total number of guests exceeds 1.5 times the sleeping capacity of the villa or when a significant amount of equipment (such as an external sound system) is brought onto a villa's premises.
- Commercial events (ticketed) are generally not permitted.

## Event fees

A fee is charged by the villa for an event. The amount varies depending on the property (see specific Villa Guidelines). The fee covers the main event as defined above plus a smaller second pre- or post-event gathering.

The event fee will be invoiced as part of the villa booking and will be subject to VAT and service charges.

## Community Fee

A community fee is an additional requirement when booking an event which only applies to selected villas (see specific Villa Guidelines). The fee normally covers a cleaning fee, garbage disposal fee, and security/parking assistance fee. If guests are planning to host an event by the beach, a beach cleaning fee will be charged as well.

## Event organizers

Guests want to enjoy their event (some to extremes) and not have to worry about the villa or contractors providing services. The responsibility for this lies with the Event Organiser. All events are required to have a qualified Event Organiser (EO) who has been approved by Elite Havens before a booking can be confirmed. Our company has a list of qualified EOs as well as vendors which will be happily provided to guests.



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The EO should:

- be onsite for the entire period of the main event including set up, event and clean up. (Note that villa managers may refuse entry of contractors until the EO is onsite)
- be onsite at the key times (contractor arrivals, clean up, etc.) for the second small gathering if applicable
- provide at least 2 telephone contact numbers for the duration of the event
- provide all staff for function duties including set up, event management and venue clean up
- try to use the local community where possible for entertainment and services

## Approval process

- All event bookings will be required to submit an Event Plan via the appointed EO at least 4 weeks prior to the event date.
- The Event Plan should include: an Event Summary, a Run Sheet, and a Site Plan. Elite Havens Event Team will review the Event Plan and provide suggestions and amendments no later than 14 days prior to the event.
- Should an Event Plan not be submitted on time, it may result in cancellation of the booking.
- All events are expected to book the full occupancy rates with the required minimum nights per season and will be subject to a Security Deposit (different villas have different fees) payable to be collected with the balance payment and returned to the guest/EO pending approval from the villa manager post event.
- In our experience, damage can be caused as much by contractors as guests attending the event. As soon as damage is discovered, the EO will be notified immediately.
- It is therefore our recommendation that this fee is split and paid equally by the event organizer and the guest renting the villa.
- This fee is due 14 days before the event. Refunds will be generally done within 7 days of the event, usually sooner.

## General conditions

### Music

As many of our villas are in residential areas, guests and event organisers need to be sensitive to the local community and neighbours. There are generally strict local rules about music and noise, although these do vary from villa to villa (check the individual Villa Guidelines). The rules typically are:

- live music (band) and DJ permitted until 11pm (unless mentioned otherwise in individual villa guidelines)
- iPod music permitted until 12 midnight
- reasonable house stereo system permitted after 12 midnight (the villa manager to determine appropriate sound levels at all times).



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## **Power, cabling and lighting**

Villa electrical supplies are generally not sufficient to cater for events. In order not to damage the supply and to protect the villa from fire hazards the guidelines below need to be followed:

- No power is to be drawn from the villa supply
- A generator with minimum 40KVA should be supplied
- Cables should not be dug into lawns
- Cables should try to follow edges of concrete/grass where possible
- Cable traps should be laid in high-traffic areas or where cables may pose a safety risk
- Electric lanterns are permitted to be hung from trees using existing nails only
- Heavy lighting must be attached by a metal brace and not by hooks and nails
- Paper candle lanterns, balloon releases, confetti bombs, fireworks, or Thai wishing lanterns are not permitted
- All candles should have candle bases to prevent wax spillage
- Paper candle lanterns, fireworks, Thai lanterns, and pets/animals are not permitted unless prior approved

## **Structure**

Many events require structures to be built at the villa. These structures can cause considerable long-term damage, especially to lawns and swimming pools. To minimize the risks of damage the following guidelines are in place:

- Structures such as marquees, service bars, pool platforms, dance floors, and DJ booths need to be included on the Site Plan for approval
- Marquees should be freestanding where possible
- Staging and platforms should have drop sheets put down before painting

## **Others**

Steamers are to be provided by the EO.

Fireworks, floating lanterns, fire shows and pets/animals are strictly prohibited. Any other flammable objects are to be approved prior to the event. Elite Havens has no authority to confirm or reject fireworks, floating lanterns, fire shows, and/or setting up ceremonies on the beach. The EO is to obtain permission from the local authorities.

## **Drones**

It is prohibited in Thailand to use drones without proper registration and licensing. Each drone must be registered by the CAAT (Civil Aviation Authority of Thailand) and the National Broadcasting and Telecommunications Commission (NBTC) and have valid annual insurance. EOs are expected to comply with this regulation and must inform Elite Havens should they be using drones in the event.

## **Villa guidelines**

Each Elite Havens Villa has a set of specific Villa Guidelines that should be followed in conjunction with these general guidelines.





## Conforme

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I confirm that I have read, understand and will abide by these guidelines. I commit to providing these guidelines to all staff and clients on behalf of whom I am booking an Elite Havens villa.

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Position : \_\_\_\_\_

Date : \_\_\_\_\_

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_

Company Name : \_\_\_\_\_

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