

Ms West,

I am sorry that I scared your child. It was not my intention. Please tell him I am sorry. However, I wanted to explain my frustration.

Musicians who respect their neighbors soundproof their houses before playing a loud music instrument like drums, especially when they live in apartment/townhouse. The minimum that you can do to soundproof is to close ALL the windows and doors while you are playing drums. This is called respect. It will not be the best effective soundproofing, but at least it will reduce the noise that your neighbors are being tortured with. If your neighbor is annoyed with the sound of you drums, he is showing his reaction to annoying vibration you cannot escape. He/she is unable not only to open windows or enjoy good weather outside, but just to remain inside their own house because of the sound of your drums. He/she is experiencing stress and elevated blood pressure and elevated heartbeat. After listening to your drums in your neighbor's house, police officers agree that it is annoying.

I would appreciate if you made sure to close all the windows and doors in your house while practicing and maybe think about moving the drums to a room that has a door and not connected to my house. I am sure there are a lot of options.

Sara



Ms West