

## Snoring—Believe It or Not!



A burglar was in the process of robbing an apartment when the occupants came home. He quickly hid under the bed, where he remained while the occupants went about their business. Later that day, the occupants heard a strange noise. They tracked the noise to their bedroom, where they discovered the burglar asleep under their bed and snoring like a chain saw. The police were called and the burglar was arrested.

Did you know—in Massachusetts, snoring is prohibited unless all bedroom windows are closed and locked securely?

In Davis, Calif., a city ordinance prohibits noise pollution. This law was meant to prevent college students from having loud parties. However, the Davis Police Department also enforced it against a woman whose duplex neighbor complained that she snored too loudly (the neighbors' bedrooms had an adjoining wall). The case made national headlines, and the Davis City Council promptly passed a resolution that loud snoring was not prohibited under the ordinance.

According to the *Guinness Book of World Records*, a man in Great Britain holds the record for loudest snore, rated at 92 decibels. For comparison, heavy traffic is rated at 80 decibels and a loud shout, at 90 decibels.