

FACTSHEET

OTHER ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

The most common anti-social behaviour is NOISE. This is covered in Factsheet: Noise. Harassment and stalking is covered by Factsheet: Harassment. See below for information on all other main types of anti-social behaviour.

There are many different types of anti-social behaviour. Early intervention in most anti-social behaviour works. Report issues in your local area to the Council or Police. Agencies want to address them quickly before they get worse. They have legal tools to do that quickly.

There is a lot of behaviour that is caused by alcohol. People who are drunk can behave anti-socially. Disorder and alcohol often go hand in hand. However, sometimes the behaviour does not involve alcohol. Behaviour that causes disorder includes:

- Disputes among neighbours
- Rowdy or inconsiderate behaviour
- Drinking alcohol in the streets
- Substance misuse such as glue sniffing
- Setting off fireworks in a dangerous way
- Riding motorbikes on public footpaths

Other Crime and Disorder

Report the following to the Police. They are crimes but usually included within definitions of anti-social behaviour:

- Gang
- Prostitution and premises being used for prostitution
- Drug dealers on the streets or in local premises
- Vehicle misuse such as revving car engines, racing, wheel spinning and horn sounding

Please note these are not comprehensive lists.

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ENVIRONMENTAL OFFENCES

Graffiti, vandalism and fly-tipping do damage to your neighbourhood.

They are environmental offences.

All of these must be reported to the Local Authority.

Local Authorities want to make the place you live more pleasant.

Do not just accept that there is graffiti in your neighbourhood. Do not accept that vandalism is normal. If you ignore them, they can lead a 'broken windows effect' – this can lead to more vandalism and even serious crime.

With graffiti, vandalism and other similar offences, agencies can use restorative action with the offenders. This basically means the people who did the graffiti, etc. have to clear up the mess!

The main issues are:

- Graffiti
- Vandalism (to vehicles and property)
- Fly-tipping, fly-dumping and fly-grazing
- Fly-posting
- Unpleasant smells
- Trespassing
- Litter
- Storing rubbish in gardens/untidy gardens
- Dog fouling
- Discarded syringes and condoms
- Abandoned vehicles
- Obstruction on the road
- Blocked driveways
- Excessive vehicle repairs and maintenance carried out in gardens
- Rogue landlords