

East Lincolnshire Community Safety Partnership

Boston Borough, East Lindsey and South Holland



Your local council and police say

**“Anti-social behaviour:
Don’t suffer it,
Report it”**



What is anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour is anything that affects a person's quality of life. It is defined in the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act (2014) as "a person causing alarm, harassment or distress to any person." It includes all behaviour which impacts negatively on other people's lives in and around our community.

Examples of anti-social behaviour:

- Verbal abuse
- Shouting and swearing
- Graffiti
- Vehicle related nuisance
- Fighting
- Drunken behaviour
- Throwing stones/eggs at windows
- Litter and vandalism
- Abusive neighbours

What if I am a victim of anti-social behaviour?

If you are a victim of anti-social behaviour and need advice or support on what to do please contact us, by phone, letter, or e-mail. Alternatively you can visit us or we can visit you to discuss your concerns. Our contact details can be found on the back page of this leaflet.

We will then send you a nuisance diary so you can record any incidents of anti-social behaviour. This will help us to decide how best to help you and



address the issues in the most effective way.

What happens if I am reported for anti-social behaviour?

People who act in an anti-social way can cause upset and distress for many people. This is something that the council, police and other agencies take very seriously.

Stage 1

If you are reported for anti-social behaviour you will firstly receive an anti-social behaviour advice or warning letter. This will ask you to consider what you can do to change your behaviour before further action is taken.

Stage 2

If your behaviour continues, you will receive a stage 2 Unacceptable Behaviour Warning letter (UBWL). You may also be visited by a police officer/Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) and a council officer to discuss your unacceptable behaviour in further detail and to inform you of the consequences if you continue.

Stage 3

If the anti-social behaviour still continues you will be asked to sign an Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC). An ABC is a written contract made between you, the police and a council anti-social behaviour officer. This contract will set out a list of conditions that you must agree to follow. It is a voluntary contract.



Stage 4

We will monitor your behaviour and if you continue to act in an anti-social manner or break the conditions set out in the ABC the council and/or police will take steps to obtain one of the following:

- Civil Injunction – This is used to stop or prevent people engaging in anti-social behaviour quickly, before problems get worse.
- Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) – This is used to tackle people who frequently act in an anti-social manner and who are also engaging in criminal activity.
- Community Protection Notice (CPN) – This is used to stop persistently anti-social individuals, businesses or organisations and can include requirements to stop or do things or take steps to avoid further anti-social behaviour.



The councils and police also have a range of other tools they can use to try and stop anti-social behaviour:

- Public Space Protection Order (PSPO)
- designed to protect public spaces from persistently anti-social individuals or groups and can include reasonable restrictions and/or requirements.
- Closure Powers – allows agencies to prohibit access to premises that are being used, or are likely to be used to commit nuisance or disorder.
- Dispersal Powers – allow the police to direct a person to leave a specific location for up to 48 hours if authorised by a police inspector or above.





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