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What is ASB?

Learn more about Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) and the key types you should be aware of.



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Our Redeployable Cameras have been highly-effective in supporting Police, Local Authorities and Housing Associations to reduce a range of ASB activities.

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What is ASB?

ASB stands for Anti-Social Behaviour which is defined as 'behaviour by a person which causes, or is likely to cause, harassment, alarm or distress to persons not of the same household as the person'.

Often a criminal offence, the Police will work with Public Sector organisations to help prevent potential offenders and enforce action when required.

There are three main categories for anti-social behaviour, depending on the number of individuals impacted by the crime:



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Personal anti-social behaviour - When a person targets a specific individual or group.

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Nuisance anti-social behaviour - When a person causes annoyance or suffering to a community.

3

Environmental anti-social behaviour - When a person's actions impact the wider environment.

Abandoned Vehicles

This covers vehicles that appear to have been left somewhere by an owner, rather than being stolen and abandoned.

Often occurring when a vehicle is at 'end of life', ready to be scrapped or having faced a road traffic collision, where individuals have abandoned the vehicle with no plan of having it recovered professionally.



Vehicle Nuisance

This covers vehicle convoys, street cruising/racing, dangerous stunts, excessive noise from vehicles and riding or driving on land other than a road.

In this instance, vehicles cover the misuse of electric bicycles, go-peds and motorised skateboards.

Rowdy Behaviour

This generally covers nuisance behaviour in public spaces or where it is considered to have accessibility to the public.

Rowdy and inconsiderate behaviour includes swearing, shouting, fighting or being intoxicated, leading to intimidation, damage or in severe cases, criminal acts.



Neighbour Disputes

This specifically covers rowdy and nuisance behaviour caused by neighbours.

This includes boundary and parking disputes, excessive noise and parties, littering, public nuisances and animal disturbances. Issues relating to neighbour nuisance will often be presented to the Police through complaints and reports.

Littering and Drugs

From fly posting and fly-tipping to excessive rubbish and illegal littering of drugs paraphernalia, this category covers ASB regarding the removal of waste.

Littering and fly-tipping can create serious public safety risks, high clean-up costs for Local Authorities and Councils and devalue properties within the surrounding area.



Animal Problems

This covers any incidents where animals are creating a nuisance or people's behaviour associated with the use of animals is deemed to be anti-social.

This includes uncontrolled animals, barking, fouling, leaving animals stray and intimidation through the use of an animal.

Trespassing

Trespassing is when an individual or groups of individuals unlawfully enter the property, land, water or premises of another.

It ranges from utilising a property's car park to camp illegally, encroaching into an individual's land with an object like fencing or using an individual's land as a shortcut.



Nuisance Calls

Covering any form of communication by phone that causes annoyance and/or anxiety, nuisance calls stand for various crimes such as invasive 'cold calling' from individuals or businesses and silent calls.

However, any threatening or indecent behaviour via the phone would need to be reported as a crime.

Street Drinking

This is the unlicensed drinking of alcohol in public spaces, where the behaviour displayed is considered anti-social.

This could be showing aggressive behaviour from drinking, damaging the environment or intimidating the local community. Any unlicensed parties that encroach onto the street could also fall under this.



Sex Working

From loitering, promoting sex work, sharing business cards or engaging in activity with a sex worker of some kind would be labelled as ASB.

Activities relating to brothels and the impacts they have on the area and wider community would also be covered under this category.

Nuisance Noise

This category relates to any noise nuisances, outside of neighbour disputes.

Excessive noise, unlicensed parties and use of noise in an intimidating manner would all be considered as ASB and could lead to the intervention of Police.



Begging

This covers any individual begging or asking for charitable donations in a public space or encouraging a child to do so on your behalf, without permission or a license.

Begging also represents ticket sellers at or near transport hubs where they have no license to do so either.

Firework Misuse

Fireworks can be extremely dangerous and therefore, ASB covers the misuse of fireworks as a crime. This includes shooting them into crowds or property, as well as the unlawful sale or possession of fireworks.

Excessive noise created by fireworks can also fall under this category.



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