

Don't do it!

If you have committed anti-social behaviour (ASB) there are a number of things that can happen, and these are done to encourage people to stop this behaviour.

- If you are involved in an incident of ASB and it is reported to the police or another agency you may receive a 'letter 1' warning you about your behaviour.
- If more complaints are received you will receive a 'letter 2' formal warning about your behaviour. This is a joint agency letter served in person by Safer North Devon. These letters last for six months from receiving them and are placed on the police, council or housing system records.
- If your behaviour continues you may then be asked to sign an 'Acceptable Behaviour Contract' which will set out conditions, which you have to comply with for a period of six months.
- If you continue to commit ASB the police or council may set up a multi agency meeting to discuss ways they can offer support and decide on what action they are going to take. This could result in them applying to the courts for an Anti-Social Behaviour Order.



ASBOs

If you get an Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) expect the consequences!

- An ASBO is an order imposed by the court
- Will be at least 2 years but can be extended (this will be reviewed after a year)
- ASBOs may stop you from entering specific areas, hanging around in groups on the street, being out at night, riding motorcycles, associating with people or swearing
- Breaking the rules of an ASBO is a criminal offence for which you can be arrested and the punishment may be a fine or imprisonment
- If you commit ASB you may find yourself being arrested by the police.

If you need help please visit the website below and click on 'ASB', to find out about local support and contacts.

If you require this leaflet in an alternative format, please contact us.

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Anti Social Behaviour

Are you bothered?



A guide for
11 to 17 year olds

If you are bothered by anti-social behaviour (ASB) you can help us to reduce it and create a better quality of life for you and your neighbours in North Devon.

What is it?

Anti-social behaviour is when one person causes another person to be unhappy, frightened, annoyed or distressed.

Anti-social behaviour can be a one off event for example graffiti, dropping litter and getting drunk or swearing in public.

Anti-social behaviour can also happen over a long period of time. This could be behaviour including revving up a car engine or playing music too loud on a regular basis.

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What can you do?

Before reporting an ASB incident to the council or another agency, first ask yourself if you could do something to improve the problem.

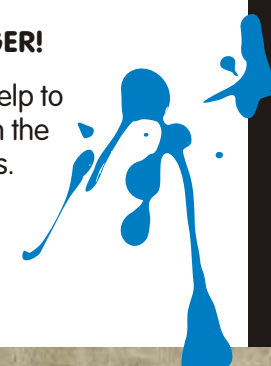
If the problem is not too serious you could approach the person to make them aware that they are causing you distress. They could simply not be aware that they are causing a nuisance. If you decide to talk to the person, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and communicate in a friendly manner
- Explain the problem and how it is affecting you and your family
- Listen to the other persons point of view
- Stay calm and don't shout
- Do not be abusive.

If they cannot be reasoned with leave the situation and speak to an adult who will then help you contact the council, police or housing authority. If the situation is beyond your control call 999 immediately.

DO NOT PUT YOURSELF IN DANGER!

If you are a victim of ASB and need help to stop this happening, the agencies on the next page can help you deal with this.



Who tackles the problem?

It's not just the police who tackle anti-social behaviour. A number of other agencies have a responsibility to you as a member of the public to deal with ASB.

Your local council deals with:

- Noise
- Fly tipping
- Graffiti
- Dog fouling.

Housing associations deal with the following types of ASB on their properties:

- Neighbourhood nuisance
- Drug dealing
- Rowdy and nuisance behaviour.

The police deal with:

- Rowdy and nuisance behaviour
- Hoax calls
- Vehicle related nuisance
- Intimidation, harassment and hate crime
- Drug dealing
- Alcohol related ASB.

