

Report anti-social behaviour, or crime when it is not an emergency, on the police non-emergency number 101 For an emergency always use 999.

Reports of anti-social behaviour can also be made to the Rochford District Council Anti-Social Behaviour Officer 01702 318103 or e-mail communitiesafety@rochford.gov.uk You can also make reports online at www.rochford.gov.uk

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Anti-Social Behaviour affects everyone involved and we believe it must be stopped early before too much damage is done.

We have a range of tools at our disposal to offer a proportionate response to tackle the problem.

In some cases you may be asked to complete diary sheets to identify the frequency and impact the issue is having.

Early interventions include warning letters and visits. These measures often nip the problem in the bud.

There are a range of other measures we can use including mediation, parenting orders, injunctions, acceptable behaviour agreements and anti-social behaviour orders if problems escalate.

Acceptable Behaviour Agreements

An Acceptable Behaviour agreement or Contract (ABC) is an intervention designed to engage an individual in acknowledging their anti-social behaviour and its effects on others, with the aim of stopping that behaviour.

An ABC is a written agreement made between the person who has been involved in anti-social behaviour and;

- The Local Authority
- Landlord or
- Police

An ABC is completely flexible; it can include conditions that the parties agree to keep. It may also include the consequences of any breach of the agreement. All parties sign and receive a copy and in the case of a young person the parents are involved.

Anti-Social Behaviour Order

An Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) is an order of the Court and can be made against any person over the age of ten years who has acted in an anti social manner, defined as:

“a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household, as the perpetrator **AND** where an order is needed to protect person (s) from further anti-social behaviour acts”

Orders can be used against offenders living in any type of housing and to tackle anti-social behaviour in a wide range of situations and settings. An ASBO is a last resort and is made by the Court; any breach of the ASBO is taken very seriously and could result in a term of imprisonment.

Please remember...

**...if you don't report it we
don't know about it.**

**Help us to help you keep your
neighbourhood safe.**

ASB Pocket Guide

*Enough is enough...
...so report it*

A guide to dealing with
Anti-Social Behaviour
in the Rochford District

ROCHFORD DISTRICT COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP – TACKLING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Rochford District Community Safety Partnership is a multi-agency team which brings together partner organisations including Essex Police, Essex County Fire & Rescue Service, NHS South East Essex, Rochford District Council, Essex County Council, Essex Probation and other agencies, to ensure that Rochford District continues to be a place which provides opportunities for the best possible quality of life for all who live, work and visit here.

With your help we can achieve even more to reduce anti-social behaviour and crime and disorder.

What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti-social behaviour as 'acting in a manner that caused or was likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress to one or more persons not of the same household.'

Therefore anti-social behaviour is virtually any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.

Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) can be;

Misuse of Public Space

Drug misuse and dealing
Street drinking
Begging
Abandoned cars; and
Vehicle related nuisance

Disruption of Community/Personal Well-being

Certain noise nuisance
Rowdy behaviour
Nuisance behaviour
Hoax calls
Animal related problems

Acts Directed at People

Intimidation/Harassment

Environmental Damage

Graffiti / Vandalism
Litter / Rubbish

What is not Anti-Social Behaviour?

ASB can be difficult to define and there are some types of behaviour that are not classed as anti-social behaviour and will not be investigated by the Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.

Examples include:

- Children playing in the street or communal areas.
- Young people gathering socially unless they are being intimidating
- Not being able to park outside your own home.
- DIY and car repairs unless they are taking place early in the morning or late at night
- Civil disputes between neighbours e.g. shared driveways
- One-off complaints about noise e.g. parties.

Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour

If you are being harassed or victimised, or if antisocial behaviour is affecting your quality of life or making you fear for your safety or the safety of others, contact;

Rochford District Council Community Safety team, neighbourhood policing team or local police station directly and file a complaint. If the situation is an emergency (if someone's life or wellbeing is threatened) call 999.

Good neighbour

You can help tackle problems in your neighbourhood by reporting anti-social behaviour when you see it. By doing so you may prevent the same problem happening again and you will help to make your community a safer place.

Evidence from victims and witnesses is important because it demonstrates the distress and annoyance of anti-social behaviour. If you report being a victim or witness of anti-social behaviour, support is available to help you at every stage of action.

There are other things you can do to help the CSP and other agencies - for example by joining Neighbourhood Watch, a tenants' or residents' group, by becoming a Special Constable or a volunteer for Victim Support.