

What you can do ...

It is important that you report any concerns you have about anti-social behaviour, as this information can enable local agencies to take early action to stop bad behaviour from escalating.

When reporting incidents of anti-social behaviour it is helpful if you have specific details, such as:

✓ What happened?

✓ When did the incident occur?

✓ Where did the incident happen?

✓ Who was involved?

We will take what you say seriously, and will treat you with respect.

We understand that it might be difficult or frustrating for you to talk about what is happening. Remember – we want to help!

Tackle it, don't tolerate it!

Let's refuse to accept anti-social behaviour in North Somerset

Contact us with confidence ... in confidence

Police

Emergencies only **999**
Non-emergencies **0845 456 7000**

North Somerset Council

Noise and dog-related issues
01275 884 279 or **01934 622 669** (out of hours)
Fly tipping, graffiti, litter, abandoned vehicles
01934 888 802

North Somerset Housing

Main Office **01275 398 398**

Crimestoppers

Call anonymously about crime **0800 555 111**

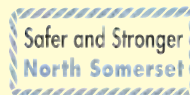
If you would like any further information on anything mentioned in this leaflet please contact:

Community Safety and Drug Action Team

59 – 61 Oxford Street
Weston-Super-Mare BS23 1TR

Tel: **01934 426 752**

Email: community@n-somerset.gov.uk



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Avon and Somerset Constabulary,
Avon and Somerset Police Authority, Avon Fire and Rescue,
Avon and Somerset Probation Service

**Safer and Stronger
North Somerset**

Anti-Social Behaviour

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What is Anti-Social Behaviour?

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 defines anti-social behaviour to be that which ...

“causes, or is likely to cause, **harassment, alarm or distress** to one or more people not in the same household”.

Examples ...

- Graffiti
- Fly tipping
- Noise nuisance
- Nuisance and rowdy behaviour
- Hoax calls
- Animal-related problems
- Intimidation and harassment
- Drug/substance misuse and dealing
- Vandalism
- Street drinking
- Begging
- Prostitution and kerb crawling
- Abandoned vehicles
- Vehicle-related nuisance and inappropriate vehicle use
- Littering



Tools and powers to tackle anti-social behaviour...

The goal of any intervention is to:

- First, and most immediately, protect victims, witnesses and the community
- Enable the perpetrator to recognise the consequences of their behaviour
- Make sure the perpetrator has access to support to help change their behaviour
- Put in place measures to prevent future repetition

There are a range of tools and powers available to deal with anti-social behaviour, such as:

Acceptable Behaviour Contracts (ABCs)

Anti-Social Behaviour Orders (ASBOs)

Drink Banning Orders (DBOs)

Crack House Closures

Dispersal Orders

Individual Support Orders (ISOs)

Injunctions

Parenting Contracts

Parenting Orders

Other tools include:

Verbal and Written Warnings, Noise Abatement Notices, Housing Tenancy Enforcement, Closure Orders, Fixed Penalty Notices (fines)



What we do ...

The **Safer and Stronger North Somerset** partnership understands it is important to ensure communities feel safe within their neighbourhoods.

We co-ordinate the response to anti-social behaviour by adopting a **multi-agency approach**, using the tools and powers already mentioned in this leaflet. By all working together, our objective is to swiftly tackle problematic and disruptive behaviour, to ensure that communities feel safe and secure.

However... we cannot do this alone and need the help and support of communities throughout North Somerset.

