

RDS typology of anti-social behaviour

Table 2.1 below sets out the typology of anti-social behaviour. This has been based on a range of anti-social behaviour definitions currently in use, including those detailed in the CDRP Audits (2001) or Strategies (2002) and definitions used in Home Office funded research and by other government departments. It also draws on the experiences of anti-social behaviour identified by respondents in the 2000 British Crime Survey (BCS).

The purpose of the typology is to provide a practical framework and guide to the main categories of behaviour that are widely accepted to be anti-social by both practitioners and the public. The categories are divided into four core areas according to whether they occur in a public space, whether they have a direct or indirect victim and whether the behaviour impacts on the environment. Examples are provided of specific activities, which could fall into each category. The list of examples is not intended to be exhaustive and it is likely that CDRPs and CSPs will be able to identify additional examples based on local experience.

Table 2.1: RDS typology of anti-social behaviour

| Misuse of public space | Disregard for community/ personal well-being | Acts directed at people | Environmental damage |
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| Drug/substance misuse & dealing | Noise | Intimidation/harassment | Criminal damage/ vandalism |
| Taking drugs | Noisy neighbours | Groups or individuals making threats | Graffiti |
| Sniffing volatile substances | Noisy cars/motorbikes | Verbal abuse | Damage to bus shelters |
| Discarding needles/drug paraphernalia | Loud music | Bullying | Damage to phone kiosks |
| Crack houses | Alarms (persistent ringing/malfunction) | Following people | Damage to street furniture |
| Presence of dealers or users | Noise from pubs/clubs | Pestering people | Damage to buildings |
| | Noise from business/industry | Voyeurism | Damage to trees/plants/hedges |
| Street drinking | Rowdy behaviour | Sending nasty/offensive letters | Litter/rubbish |
| Begging | Shouting & swearing | Obscene/nuisance phone calls | Dropping litter |
| Prostitution | Fighting | Menacing gestures | Dumping rubbish |
| Soliciting | Drunken behaviour | <i>Can be on the grounds of:</i> | Fly-tipping |
| Cards in phone boxes | Hooliganism/loutish behaviour | Race | Fly-posting |
| Discarded condoms | Nuisance behaviour | Sexual orientation | |
| Kerb crawling | Urinating in public | Gender | |
| Loitering | Setting fires (not directed at specific persons or property) | Religion | |
| Pestering residents | Inappropriate use of fireworks | Disability | |
| Sexual acts | Throwing missiles | Age | |
| Inappropriate sexual conduct | Climbing on buildings | | |
| Indecent exposure | Impeding access to communal areas | | |
| Abandoned cars | Games in restricted/inappropriate areas | | |
| Vehicle-related nuisance & inappropriate vehicle use | Misuse of air guns | | |
| Inconvenient/illegal parking | Letting down tyres | | |
| Car repairs on the street/in gardens | Hoax calls | | |
| Setting vehicles alight | False calls to emergency services | | |
| Joyriding | Animal-related problems | | |
| Racing cars | Uncontrolled animals | | |
| Off-road motorcycling | | | |
| Cycling/skateboarding in pedestrian areas/footpaths | | | |

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