

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

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