

DONT SUFFER IN SILENCE

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q** What if groups are gathering near my house, but not really doing much?
A Ask yourself, are they really doing any harm? If the answer is no, leave them be.
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- Q** What if we are continually having problems in our street?
A Keep a diary for a week or two detailing exactly what's happening then talk to your local Community Beat Officer or the Antisocial Behaviour Office.
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- Q** What if I see youths drinking alcohol and behaving irresponsibly as a result?
A The Police have powers to confiscate alcohol from underage drinkers.
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- Q** What if I see damage being done but don't know who the offender is?
A Call the police immediately. Be prepared to give a description and a statement, if necessary.
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- Q** What if I go out to speak to them and they get nasty or abusive?
A DON'T be confrontational. Speak to the parents or speak to the Police.
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- Q** What if I am a council or housing association tenant and am having problems with my neighbours?
A Speak to your Housing Officer as action may be taken under the tenancy agreement.
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- Q** What if the problems I am experiencing are a nuisance but do not involve kids?
A The law in relation to antisocial behaviour and harassment applies to all ages.
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- Q** What if I've got kids playing in the street on bikes or with balls, and they annoy me?
A Ask yourself 'Did I or my children play out in the street?' It is not against the law to play in the street.

Facts

Anti-social Behaviour has a huge impact on our society in general and cannot be addressed by any one agency alone.

There are steps that can be taken under the Antisocial Behaviour (Scotland) Act 2004 to assist in tackling problems.

Parents need to be made aware if their children have become involved in behaviour that has prompted another member of society to complain.

Youth warning letters or Antisocial Behaviour warning letters can be sent out by Grampian Police or The Moray Council to make parents aware. This may later form part of the evidence used in further action, should the behaviour continue.

Youth Services may use youth support workers to negotiate with young people and establish the cause of the problem.

What can I do about it?

Antisocial behaviour can be reported in several ways;

**24 Hour Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Line:
0800 58 77 197**

Online Antisocial Behaviour Reporting Form accessed through The Moray Council website, www.moray.gov.uk

Contact the Antisocial Behaviour Office:
(01343) 563623/563116

E-mail antisocialbehaviour@moray.gov.uk

Other useful numbers

Grampian Police **0845 600 5 700**
The Moray Council Call Centre **0870 428 6950**

