

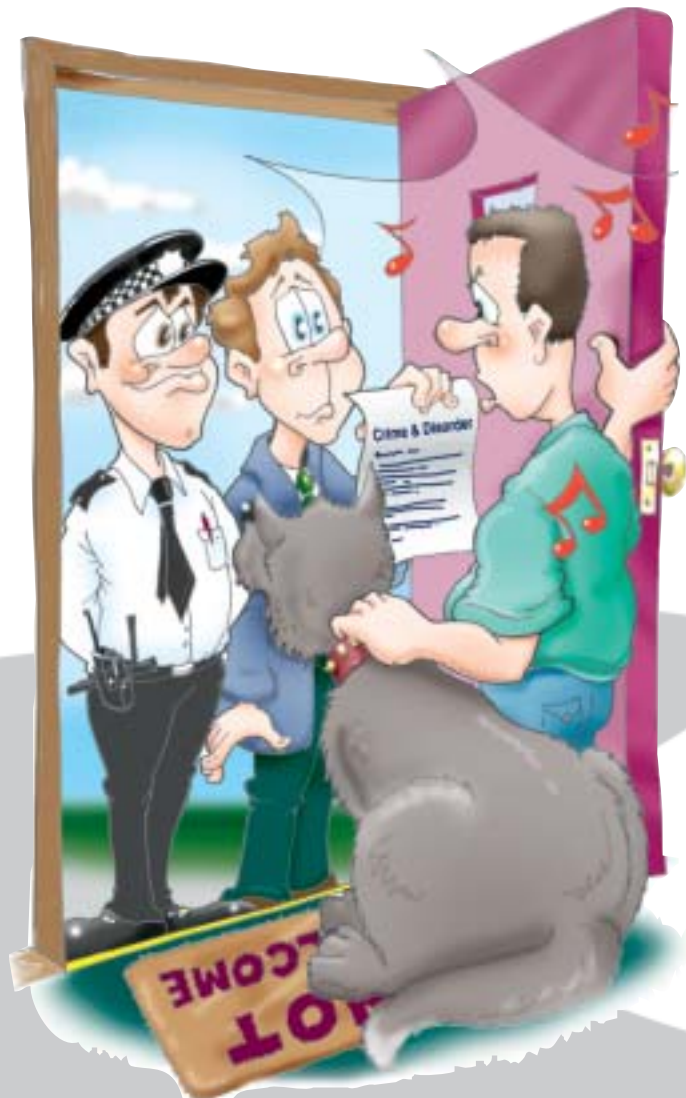
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What is an Anti Social Behaviour Order?

These were introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to help tackle anti-social behaviour.

This act defines Anti-Social Behaviour as behaviour

“likely to cause alarm, distress or harassment to another individual or individuals.”

What is an Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order?

The Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act 2003 has amended the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to introduce interim Anti-Social Behaviour Orders. This amendment came into force on 27th June 2003.

Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order's are intended to provide a more immediate, speedy response to deal more effectively with perpetrators of anti-social behaviour and for the protection of victims against anti-social behaviour.

Who can apply?

Local Authorities and the Police can apply to the sheriff court for “an Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order/Anti-Social Behaviour Orders” which makes it an offence for someone to act in a way which causes distress or alarm to others.

Type of Behaviour which may be used for Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order/Anti-Social Behaviour Order?

Conduct such as:

- Verbal abuse
- Assault
- Harassment
- Vandalism/graffiti
- Drunk and disorderly
- Drugs
- Excessive noise



Breach of Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order/ Anti-Social Behaviour Order

Breach of an Interim Anti-Social Behaviour Order/Anti-Social Behaviour Order is a criminal offence which may lead to a fine, imprisonment or both.

Are these only for Council Tenants?

No, these powers can also be used against owner occupiers or tenants of other landlords such as Housing Associations or Private Landlords. However, other social landlords should try and resolve the problem themselves before contacting West Lothian Council. In these cases West Lothian Council will be responsible for co-ordinating the action overall but will need to work very closely with the landlord, the police and other agencies.

What happens next for Council Tenants?

Once an Anti-Social Behaviour Order has been granted the tenancy can be converted from a full Scottish Secure Tenancy to a Short Scottish Secure Tenancy, which has less security, and no right to buy or succession rights. Support services would be provided to help the tenant to change their behaviour with a view to converting the tenancy back to full Scottish Secure Tenancy. If the behaviour did not change, the Local Authority would ask the sheriff court for an eviction order.

**WE WANT TO SEND
A STRONG MESSAGE
THAT ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR WILL NO
LONGER BE TOLERATED.**

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