

Quick Read: ASB and hate crime

What is ASB?

Anti-social behaviour is often called ASB. It refers to behaviours which cause harassment, alarm or distress to other people. ASB includes:

- Noise disturbances such as loud music or shouting
- Vandalism like graffiti or property damage
- Aggressive behaviour including threats and intimidation
- Littering and fly-tipping
- Misuse of communal areas for example blocking hallways or leaving rubbish
- Alcohol or drug related nuisance.

What is hate crime?

A hate crime is defined as any criminal offence perceived by the victim or someone else, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender identity. Examples include:

- Verbal abuse or threats such as racial slurs or homophobic remarks
- Physical assaults including hitting or pushing
- Damage such as vandalising a place of worship or defacing personal property
- Harassment including repeated unwanted contact and stalking
- Online abuse

What do you need to do?

We take reports of ASB and hate crime very seriously. We want our tenants to feel safe in their homes and to enjoy the benefits of stable communities.

We expect My Space tenants to show respect and tolerance for their neighbours, avoiding behaviour that causes nuisance or distress. You must also take reasonable steps to ensure that your visitors are not responsible for antisocial behaviour or hate crimes.

Where difficulties arise in your community, we may ask you to take part in mediation initiatives to resolve disputes early.

Spotlight: Promptly report ASB or any activity that could be a hate crime.

Reporting ASB or hate crime

Tenants, staff, and visitors should report any incidents of ASB or hate crimes to My Space. Reports can be made to your housing support officer. You can also call us on 01204 694154, email info@myspacehousing.org or use our online contact form: [Contact Us - My Space Housing Solutions](#)

If ASB or hate crime poses an immediate risk to safety or involves criminal activity, such as violence, theft, or property damage, please contact the police. Dial 999 in an emergency or 101 for non-emergency situations requiring police support.