



### Worried about a friend's behaviour?:

- Signs that someone may be found guilty of anti-social behaviour include: missing school or being in trouble at school, stealing or shop-lifting, having unexplained amounts of money, mixing with a bad crowd, using drugs and/or alcohol, violence towards others.

### Your own behaviour:

- Be aware of the impact your behaviour can have on others. You might feel that going around in a big gang of friends is safer, but it might intimidate other people.
- Remember that if you get into trouble for misbehaving it can affect your chances of getting a job later on in life, or the career you want.
- Everyone has the right to live without fear. This includes young people who feel threatened by other young people's behaviour.



- Connexions Direct 080 800 13 2 19 [www.connexions-direct.com](http://www.connexions-direct.com)
- [www.direct.gov.uk](http://www.direct.gov.uk) go to 'Young people' then 'Crime and justice'

- [www.livelifesafe.org.uk](http://www.livelifesafe.org.uk)
- [www.channelmogo.org](http://www.channelmogo.org) go to 'Need some advice'

# anti-social behaviour

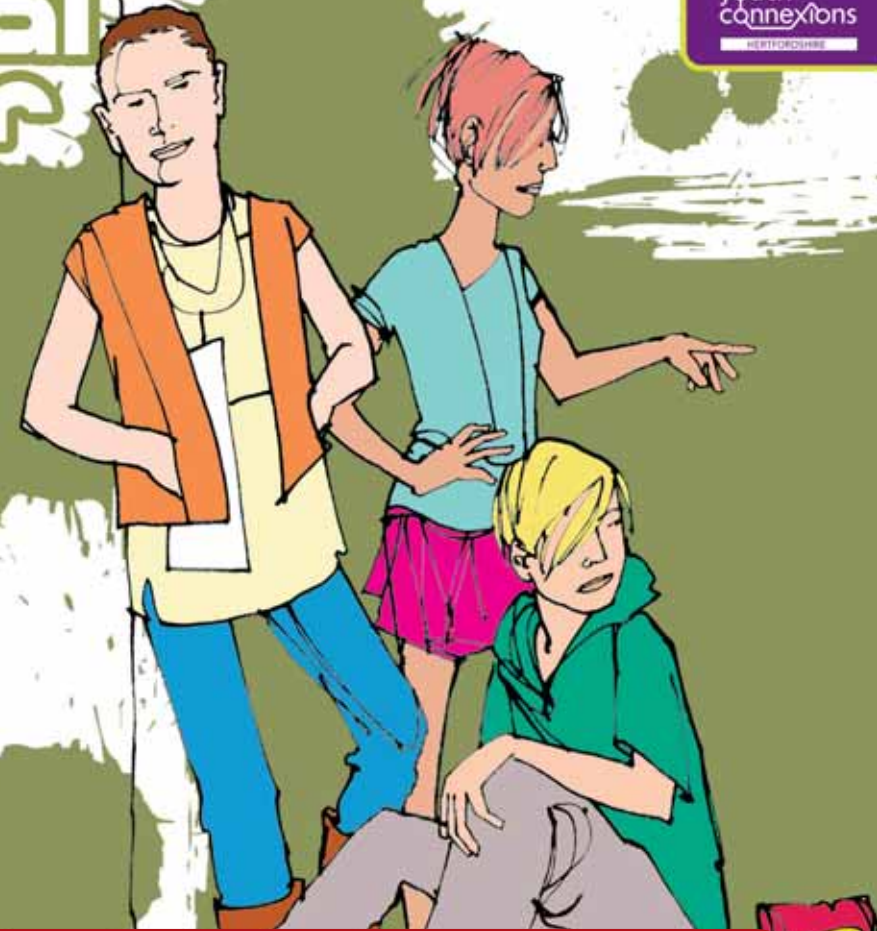
*"Some people I know have ASBOs because they keep getting drunk and abusive in the street, and they seem proud of them. Why brag when you've caused so many problems for other people?"*

The term 'anti-social behaviour' means you're causing someone else distress, harm or harassment.

Young people's anti-social behaviour includes things like littering, getting drunk in public, fighting in the street, threatening other people, using abusive language, shoplifting or vandalizing property.

Some young people blame peer pressure, or say they're bored and there's nothing to do where they live. Some might drift into anti-social behaviour because they have an unhappy family life or have other problems.

However anti-social behaviour is selfish and costs communities a lot of money e.g. cleaning up graffiti. The government has brought in some measures to encourage both adults and young people to respect one another and the things around them.



### Government measures to deal with anti-social behaviour:

- An Acceptable Behaviour Contract (ABC) is a written agreement between a young person and (usually) the police. The contract lists the anti-social behaviour which the young person agrees not to continue.
- An Anti-Social Behaviour Order (ASBO) is a set of rules which a young person (aged 10-17yrs), whose behaviour is causing problems, must stick to. The rules may prevent them from going to certain places or meeting certain people. Breaking the rules set out in the ASBO is a criminal offence and it's likely you will be arrested and would need to go to court.
- A Penalty Notice for Disorder (PND) is a fixed fine (usually £80), given out by a police officer, which covers some acts of anti-social behaviour e.g. using foul language in public, criminal damage.

