

# Reporting Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Public Places

**Although gathering in a group does not constitute ASB, the behaviour displayed by that group might  
Below are examples of what is considered ‘unacceptable behaviour’, which should be reported**

## Report to the police

- Using intimidating behaviour or abusive language
- Violence or threats of violence
- Using or dealing drugs
- Prostitution
- Any criminal behaviour e.g. shoplifting, cycle theft, arson
- Spitting, urinating or defecating in public
- Drunken, rowdy behaviour, this could include fighting, shouting and swearing
- Begging
- Obstructing or accosting pedestrians, cyclists or other road users
- Harassment of anyone

## Cambridgeshire Constabulary

Tel: 101 (non-emergencies) – 999 (emergencies)  
Online at: <https://www.cambs.police.uk/report/Report>

## Report to the City Council

- Littering – including: food waste and packaging, drink cans, or bottles, drug paraphernalia (e.g. needles), cigarettes
- Uncontrolled dogs – including: fouling, dogs fighting or being aggressive to passers-by, constant barking
- Busking in a manner, which causes an obstruction, nuisance or disturbance
- Noise from within a property, including music or shouting so loud it causes a disturbance to others

## Environmental Health Services (Noise nuisance)

Tel: 01223 457900

## Public Realm Enforcement (Fly tipping / Litter)

Tel: 01223 458282 – Email: [wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:wasteandstreets@cambridge.gov.uk)

## Needles and drug paraphernalia

[www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-needles-and-drug-related-litter](http://www.cambridge.gov.uk/report-needles-and-drug-related-litter)

## Community Safety Team (ASB Team)

ASB officers within Safer Communities deal with ASB affecting the wider community, including problems in Council housing and public spaces. The ASB Team works closely with other sections of the Council, such as City Homes and Environmental Health, and other organisations, such as the Police. If we feel your issue will be better dealt with by another Council service or outside agency, including a different Housing Provider we will signpost you to these services.

## ASB Team

Tel: 01223 457950 – Email: [asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:asbsection@cambridge.gov.uk)

When reporting incidents to the Police or the City Council, please let them know the following:

- Type of behaviour being displayed
- Location of incident
- Time of the incident
- Number of people involved
- The description and any distinguishing features of the individuals involved
- Any witnesses