

If you have children under the age of 18 please help us by following this advice:

- Before they go out, find out what your children are doing, where they are going, and when and how they will be getting home.
- Sometimes children do not consider the consequences of their actions, so ask them to think about whether they could be causing distress to others, damaging the environment or putting themselves in danger.
- Often children do not need to buy alcohol, they take it from home without their parents' knowledge. Keep alcohol in a safe place and keep a check on how much you have so that you will know if any goes missing.
- Young people are also often the victims of disorder, so if you or your child experience anti-social behaviour, make sure you report it to the police. We cannot send officers to every incident, but if you let us know what is happening in your area we can make sure our resources are targeted effectively.

Useful telephone numbers

To report any incidents of anti-social behaviour contact Hampshire Constabulary on 101. In an emergency always dial 999.

For all other enquiries call Hampshire Constabulary on 0845 045 45 45.

To report a crime anonymously call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

For more information visit www.hampshire.police.uk

Do you know where your kids are this summer?

A police guide for parents to help prevent anti-social behaviour.



Dear Parent or Guardian

Do you have children under the age of 18?

If so I would like to ask for your help. This summer we are running a campaign to reduce anti-social behaviour and help everyone to enjoy the school summer holidays safely.

Many children have little adult supervision during the holidays and it could be easy for them to unintentionally become involved in activities that could cause distress or annoyance to someone else. We are also concerned about the number of young people who put themselves in danger – every year we are called to incidents where children are jumping off bridges into rivers or playing 'chicken' in front of cars.

My officers will be carrying out targeted patrols to combat anti-social behaviour. We will be confiscating alcohol from children and working with licensees to ensure that young people cannot buy alcoholic drinks. Unfortunately my officers cannot be everywhere, so I am asking parents throughout Hampshire and the Isle of Wight to help us by following the advice in this leaflet.

I know that looking after children and young people during the school holidays can be difficult. However, I think that most people will agree that we need to work together to reduce anti-social behaviour to make our communities safer for everyone.

Yours faithfully



Alex Marshall
Chief Constable of Hampshire Constabulary

What is anti-social behaviour?

Anti-social behaviour is any aggressive, intimidating or destructive activity that damages or destroys another person's quality of life.

Examples include:

- riding mopeds or scooters through estate roads and paths
- vandalism and graffiti (these are criminal offences for which you could be arrested)
- blocking stairways, walkways, entrances or paths
- playing loud music
- shouting and yelling near to people's homes
- climbing on roofs or property that does not belong to you
- playing noisy or aggressive games near to people's homes
- playing football against people's homes or fences
- littering

People of all ages become involved in anti-social behaviour, it is certainly not just young people. However, this campaign is aimed at school children because during the summer holidays they have more time on their hands and sometimes have little adult supervision. By targeting children we hope we can encourage them to change their behaviour before they grow into adults.

