Anti-Social Behaviour Toolkit

The Crime and Policing Act 2026

Empowering healthcare
By simplifying the complex

A practical guide for registered social housing providers | Changes from 26 October 2026

Act Directly - Housing providers can now issue closure notices themselves.	**Move Quickly -** A senior manager can authorise a notice lasting up to 72 hours.
Enforce Effectively - Breach of a Respect Order is a criminal offence enforceable by police.	
Choose the Right Tool	
Immediate, serious nuisance centred on a property	**Closure notice** – fast protection for residents, for up to 72 hours.
Persistent, highly disruptive individual	**Respect Order** – police can enforce and require positive steps.
Respect Order breached with no change	**Possession claim** – the breach can support the claim.
Other cases	**Injunction or possession** – existing remedies remain available.
5-Point Check ☐ Necessary - why now? ☐ Proportionate - why this tool? ☐ Lesser options considered? ☐ Vulnerable occupiers safeguarded? ☐ Evidence pack hearing-ready?	**Get Ready Now** • Name authorising managers, including out of hours • Update ASB policy and escalation routes • Prepare risk, notice and evidence templates • Train housing, safeguarding and legal teams.
Prepare Now. Act Quickly. HCR Law can support with policy reviews, training, templates and urgent court applications. General guidance only – not legal advice.	

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