

What happens if I refuse to sign the acceptable behaviour contract?

You do not have to sign the acceptable behaviour contract. However, the Neighbourhood Safety Team and the police can still apply to court for an antisocial behaviour order against you or take legal action against the tenancy of someone who is responsible for your behaviour.

By signing the ABC, you are showing that you understand what behaviour is expected from you in the future. This is also a chance for you to change your behaviour before we take further action, like an ASBO.



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Acceptable Behaviour Contracts



Targeting antisocial behaviour in Ashfield

Acceptable behaviour contracts



What is an acceptable behaviour contract?

An acceptable behaviour contract, often known as an 'ABC', is a written agreement between: "a person whose behaviour has been identified as being antisocial"; their parent, guardian or other agency; the Neighbourhood Safety Team; and the police. By signing the contract, you are agreeing that you will not act antisocially in the future. The contract tells you what type of behaviour you promise not to take part in.

Who does it apply to?

An acceptable behaviour contract may apply to anyone, although most contracts will be made with young people.

If a child is under 10, we may apply for a Parental Order.

Why am I being asked to sign an acceptable behaviour contract?

You have been found to have acted in a way which has caused other residents harassment, alarm, nuisance or distress. The Neighbourhood Safety Team will not allow this type of behaviour and wants to make sure that you understand this. By signing the acceptable behaviour contract, you are showing that you understand what types of behaviour you should not take part in.

How does an acceptable behaviour contract work?

Once you have been identified as being involved in antisocial behaviour, we will write a letter to your parents or guardians asking them to come to a meeting, along with yourself, a member of the Neighbourhood Safety Team and the police, to discuss your behaviour.

At this meeting, we will give you the opportunity to stop this unacceptable behaviour by signing up to a contract, an **ABC**. The contract will list what you are not allowed to do, or behaviour that you cannot be involved in. We will ask everyone to sign the document and your behaviour will then be monitored.

How long does the acceptable behaviour contract last for?

An acceptable behaviour contract usually lasts for six months. However, if the Neighbourhood Safety Team and the police do not think that you have behaved properly during this time, the contract may last longer. We will discuss this with you.

Who will be checking that I behave?

The Neighbourhood Safety Team and the Police will keep a copy of your acceptable behaviour contract. You will have broken the agreement if we receive complaints about your behaviour. We will take action if these complaints are proved to be true.

What happens if I break the contract?

If you do something that the contract does not allow, the Neighbourhood Safety Team will consider the following, actions depending on what you have done.

- **Asking the magistrates court for an anti social behaviour order against you.**

An antisocial behaviour order (often known as an ASBO) is an order made by a court which tells you what type of behaviour you must not take part in. If you have done something that your ABC does not allow you to do, this may be used against you as evidence in the court when asking for an ASBO. If, after the court makes an antisocial behaviour order against you, you do something which the court has told you that you should not do, you can be sent to prison for up to five years.

- **Taking legal action against the tenancy of someone who should be responsible for your behaviour.**

If the person you live with (or visit) rents their home from the council, they have rules that they should follow called 'conditions of tenancy'. One of these rules says that the tenant of a council property should make sure that everyone who lives with them, or who visits them, behaves properly. If you do something which the acceptable behaviour contract says you should not do, the council may ask a court to take that person's home away from them (an eviction). The contract you are being asked to sign shows that you understand this.