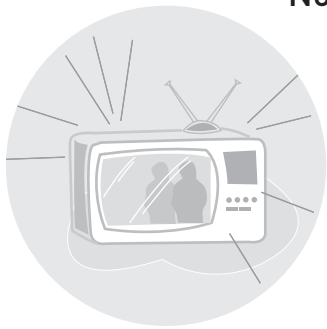


# Stop that noise!



Noise is unwanted sound which disturbs, irritates and causes stress. Neighbourhood noise is created by residents and visitors to localities going about their ordinary lives and, in recent years, has become a major source of complaint. Inconsiderate and anti-social behaviour is primarily responsible for this situation. This leaflet explains how people can minimise the risk of annoying neighbours by being considerate in their activities.

## Alarms

Make sure a key-holder can be contacted if you have an alarm which goes off while you are away.

Alarm systems should be regularly maintained to ensure that they do not go off accidentally.

The Environmental Services section at the City Council may be able to deal with persistently sounding alarms under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

## Vehicle noise

Vehicle tuning, repairs and servicing in the vicinity of the home should be kept to a minimum and carried out at times of the day unlikely to disturb neighbours.

Make sure vehicle exhausts are kept in good repair and that engines run smoothly.

Music while you work is fine - but not when the whole street has to share it.

Anyone carrying out the commercial repair of vehicles in domestic premises may be in breach of planning regulations.

## D.I.Y.

D.I.Y. and building activities should be restricted to times of the day least likely to disturb neighbours.

People should, if possible, apologise to neighbours in advance for disturbance caused by drilling, hammering, etc.

Washing machines and other household appliances should not be used late at night or early morning. None of our homes have

white meter electricity and therefore no cheap rate electricity is available.

## Arguments

Ongoing arguments and disagreements between neighbours which involve raised voices, can cause disturbance and stress to those who are not involved.

Try to resolve domestic issues peacefully and remember good neighbours make life much happier.

## Pets

Howling and barking dogs inside and outside the home cause significant annoyance.

Noise nuisance is seldom caused by properly trained, supervised and well-cared for pets.

Any tenant whose dog causes a regular annoyance will have permission to keep their pet withdrawn.



## Music and TV

Think about the volume and make sure your music or T.V. is not disturbing others.

Pull the T.V. and speakers away from your neighbours' walls. Raise speakers from the floor, and use headphones, if possible.

The Police have powers under Section 54 of

the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 to confiscate music equipment and T.V.'s.

## What can you do?

Everyone should take care to avoid unnecessary disturbance of neighbours and it may be helpful to check that you're not causing a nuisance.

Warning people in advance about any exceptional noise, e.g. DIY, parties, etc. is also beneficial.

People who keep anti-social hours should

take extra care to avoid disturbance late at night or early morning.

Anyone experiencing a noise disturbance should speak to the person causing the disturbance and/or contact the Police, Environmental Health or Prospect as appropriate.

