

# Anti-social Behaviour Law

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## FOREWORD TO THE FIRST EDITION

Anti-social behaviour by adults and young people brings misery and havoc to the communities in which it occurs. In recent years we have taken great steps towards tackling this by giving public bodies the powers they need to take action and to ensure the unacceptable behaviour of a few individuals and families towards those around them is not allowed to go unchecked. I have made it a priority for this government to continue this work and to do even more to strengthen communities by promoting the values of respect and responsibility. We are determined to do as much as we can to support those who have the task of dealing with anti-social behaviour, but this is no good if they are not sufficiently aware of the powers that they have. The laws in this area are as varied as the problems which exist, and by drawing them all together in one place this book provides an invaluable service. It will enable practitioners to make informed and appropriate decisions about how to tackle the problems they face most effectively, and as such I am delighted to offer these words of support.



The Prime Minister, Tony Blair  
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