

Neighbourhood Noise

How to keep the peace with your neighbours

Noise Annoys...

If only we liked the same sounds - and at the same time - life would be so much simpler. But unfortunately we don't. When it comes to everyday sounds of a busy neighbourhood, we each have different lifestyles, different tastes and different tolerances.

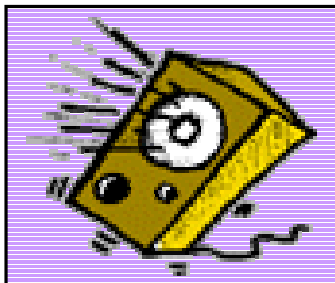
What's music to your ears could well be 'that awful din' to your neighbour; nocturnal vacuuming may suit your lifestyle, but it's giving the person in the flat below sleepless nights. And your dog barking after you've left work is slowly driving the young mother next door crazy.

Noise can annoy, cause stress and generally affect residents' quality of life. It is the biggest cause of complaint between neighbours.



Being a good neighbour is keeping your noise to yourself!

We all make noise but awareness is the key to making sure your noise is not a problem for others.



Why noise is a problem

Repetitive noise, day-in, day-out, can lead to stress and make life miserable, especially for the housebound and those with health problems.

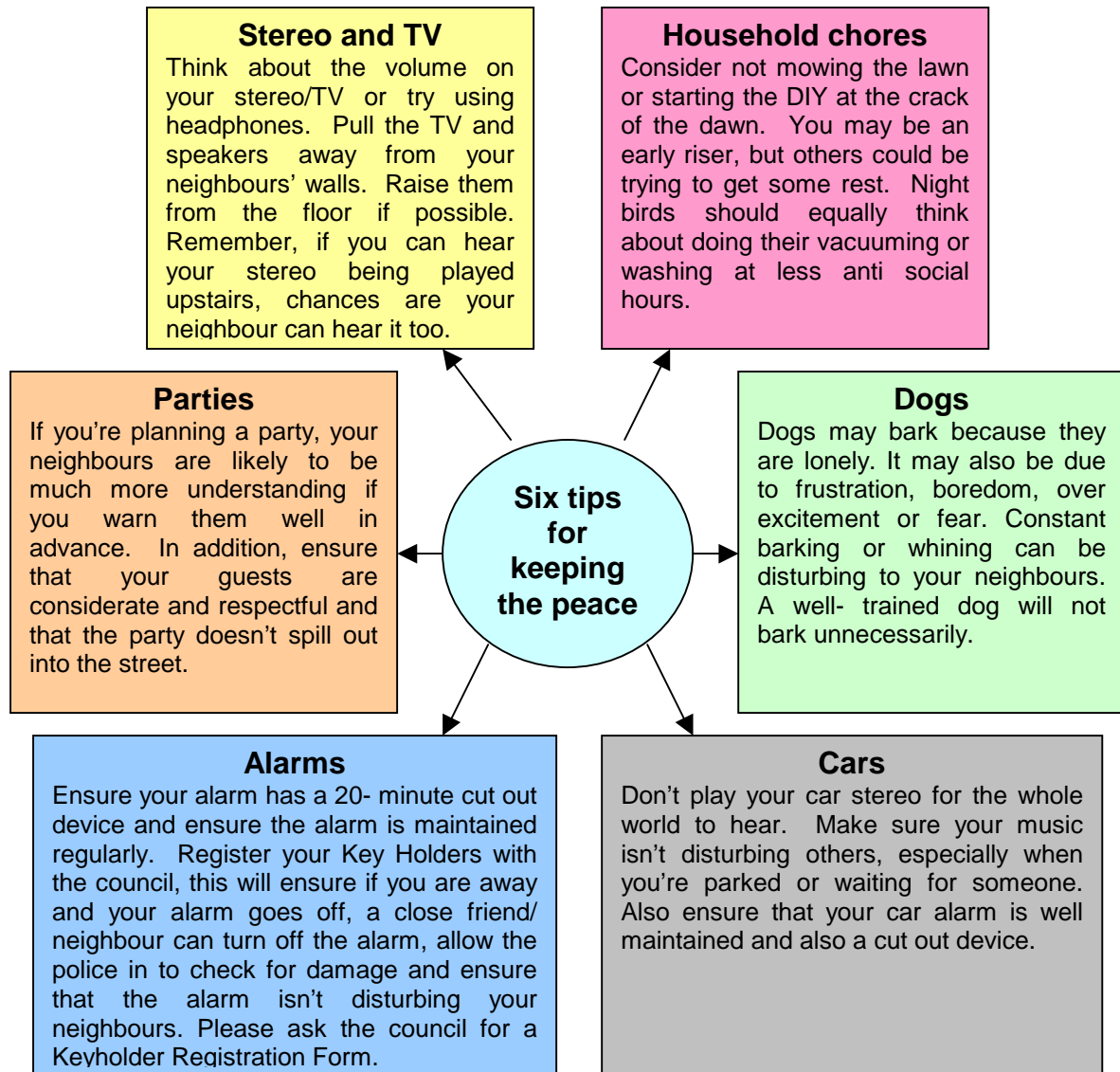
There is evidence that people are becoming more concerned about noise. There are a number of possible reasons for this. People have different sensitivities and expectations. While many of us have more time to pursue varied leisure interests, we don't always stop to think about what impact our activities are having on others.

But remember that the problem isn't always one of inconsiderate behaviour. Even in homes that have reasonably good sound insulation, may not cope with powerful modern stereos and other mod cons that can make life comfortable for us, uncomfortably noisy for others.



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How to be a considerate neighbour...



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What to do if you have a problem with noise

- Try talking to your neighbours, they may not be aware that they are causing a nuisance and therefore may take steps to reduce the noise.
- If noise is persistent, there is a mediation service in this area, please contact your landlord if you are a tenant of a housing association or the Environmental Protection Unit.
- More formally, you can complain to the Environmental Protection Unit at Castle Morpeth Borough Council. We have the powers under the Environmental Protection Act to deal with neighbour noise if it is causing a nuisance. Alternatively if the complaint is regarding antisocial behaviour, please contact the Community Safety Officer.

Castle Morpeth Borough Council First Call 01670 535000

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