

LIGHT NUISANCE INFORMATION & DIARY PACK

Includes:

- 1. Diary Sheet/Questionnaire for the recording of nuisance;**
- 2. A Neighbour Note to give or send to the person or business who is disturbing you;**
- 3. An information leaflet on light nuisance.**

Diary Sheet/Questionnaire (LIGHT)



ALL PARTS MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED

Your Name:					
Your Address:					
Your Telephone Number:					
Your Email Address:					
ADDRESS COMPLAINED OF:					
NAME OF OCCUPIER:					
Have you spoken to the person generating the light about this issue? Please give details:	(We are ordinarily unable to help if you have not done so without good reason; such as a history of aggression/violence)				
Have you written to them? Please give details:	(We are ordinarily unable to help if you have not done so without good reason; such as a history of aggression/violence)				
Was either approach helpful; if only for a short period? Details:					
Formal intervention by us may ultimately end in Court action. Are you prepared to attend Court and give supporting evidence if required?	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;">Yes</td> <td style="text-align: center; width: 50%;">No</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">(If we are unable to consider Court action, if appropriate, because you are not prepared to give evidence, this significantly limits the things we can do to help you)</td> </tr> </table>	Yes	No	(If we are unable to consider Court action, if appropriate, because you are not prepared to give evidence, this significantly limits the things we can do to help you)	
Yes	No				
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This statement consisting of page(s) signed by me is true to the best of my knowledge and belief and I make it knowing that, if it is tendered in evidence, I shall be liable to prosecution if I have wilfully stated in it anything which I know to be false or do not believe to be true.

PLEASE NOTE: Information in those columns marked **** will be copied to the person making the light.

RETURN TO: Upload to your Swindon Borough Council myaccount case via the following link:
https://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20023/environmental_problems/356/report_bright_artificial_light_disturbance

Diary Sheets

EXAMPLE

Date ****	Time (Use 24hr clock) ****		Description of Nuisance ****	Where were you?	How it affected you
	Start	Finish			
20/07/2005	14:00hrs	15:30hrs	<i>Bright Light from Garage</i>	Living Room	I couldn't watch TV
20/07/2005	23:30hrs	02:30hrs	<i>Light (bedroom illuminated with curtains closed)</i>	Bedroom	I couldn't sleep
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Signed

Dated:/...../..... LOGSHEET NO: of.....

Continuation Sheet

Date ****	Time (Use 24hr clock) ****		Description of Nuisance ****	Where were you?	How it affected you
	Start	Finish			

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Signed

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Dear Neighbour

You may not be aware that light coming from your property is disturbing me in my home. The light is so intrusive that I have contacted the Council for advice.

I have been advised by Swindon Borough Council to contact you first before I make an official complaint.

I enclose a leaflet about light pollution, and how to control or limit it so that it doesn't disturb others.

I would very much appreciate it if you would read the **enclosed leaflet**, and do what you can to ensure that the light from your premises doesn't disturb me in the future.

Thank You

Times of day when light most affects me:

The light affects me in the following ways:

The type of light coming from your property which disturbs me is:

Swindon Borough Council

Leaflet on Light Nuisance

What is light nuisance?

Artificial light is essential in our modern society, however, poorly designed, directed and maintained lighting can cause problems.

Artificial light nuisance is a source of light which interferes with a person's use of their property or is prejudicial to their health.

How to avoid causing a light nuisance

Do not fit unnecessary lights.

Do not use excessively bright lights. A 150 watt tungsten halogen lamp is adequate. High power (300-500 watt) bulbs are too powerful for domestic security lighting.

Do not leave lights on when they are not needed. Consider controlling lights with passive infra-red detectors, ensuring that they are correctly aligned and installed.

For a porch light that is going to be left on all night, a nine watt compact fluorescent lamp is normally adequate.

Speak to your neighbours to check your lights are not causing a problem.

Further advice on installing domestic security lighting issued by the Institute of Lighting Engineers.

Is light pollution the same as light nuisance?

Light pollution is any form of artificial light which shines outside the area it needs to illuminate including light which is directed into the night sky creating a sky glow.

Although light pollution may affect the beauty of the night sky and our view of the stars, it is not also a light nuisance unless it interferes with a person's use of their property or is prejudicial to their health.

What can I do about light nuisance?

Try to approach your neighbour for a chat about the problem. Try to keep things light-hearted and friendly and explain how the light is affecting you. Politely suggest possible solutions to the problem:

- re-angle or partially shade the light
- fit a passive infra red sensor
- use a lower power bulb

You may find it difficult to speak to your neighbour, but research has shown that a direct approach has the best chance of success. Remember that sometimes neighbours are unaware they are causing a problem and most will be glad to do what they can. If the friendly approach doesn't work, contact us to see how we can help.