

Domestic Abuse Policy

Policy Statement

Purpose

This policy applies to all Orwell Housing services. It sets out Orwell's approach to responding to domestic abuse experienced by our customers in all tenures and types of stock that we own and manage. The Domestic Abuse Policy is closely linked to the Anti-social Behaviour Policy and Safeguarding policies.

Domestic abuse is a criminal offence and will not be tolerated. Domestic abuse occurs regardless of age, gender, race, sexuality, economic status, geography or tenure and also impacts upon children, family and the community.

Legal Obligations

- Domestic Abuse Act 2021
- Anti- Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014
- Protection from Harassment Act 1997
- Housing Act 1996

Orwell's Commitment

- To support every person to the right to be safe from abuse and fear
- To support all victims of Domestic Abuse without judgement
- To act against criminal offences seriously and promptly
- To work alongside partners to provide the best support possible for the victim