



COMMUNITY PROTECTION

WARNING | Give a clear chance to change

CPW • WRITTEN WARNING BEFORE A CPN • PERSON AGED 16+ OR A BODY



01

Check all three parts

Is the conduct unreasonable, ongoing or repeated, and harming local quality of life? Record how.



02

Explain the problem in writing

Describe the behaviour and its impact. Warn that a CPN will follow unless that harmful effect stops.



03

Allow enough time to change

Choose a realistic review date. Consider what the person can do, any vulnerabilities and support needed.



AFTER ENOUGH TIME: IS THE HARMFUL EFFECT CONTINUING?

NO

YES

DO NOT ESCALATE

Record the improvement. Keep the response proportionate.

CONSIDER A CPN

Recheck the evidence and legal test before issuing a notice.

A warning is not a CPN. It is not a court order.

Failing to follow the warning is not itself the CPN breach offence. A CPN can only follow if the statutory conditions are met.

Source: Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014, s43. No fixed minimum warning period: the person must have had enough time.