



Cannabis and Drug Use – Information for Residents

The use of drugs and Cannabis in particular, is probably one of the most reported matters to Police Scotland, Scottish Borders Council, Registered Social Landlords, and other agencies.

This information will explain how you can report drugs and Cannabis use and what role each agency has in dealing with these reports.

Police Scotland

This is the primary agency for reporting illegal drug use to. The report will be logged and graded as the Police feel is necessary. It may justify a visit, or it may be logged as intelligence for use on an application for a warrant to search the property in question at a future date. The criteria and justification to do so will rest with Police Scotland and the Courts. The number to call to make a report to Police Scotland is **101**. You can also report online at www.scotland.police.uk

Scottish Borders Council's Antisocial Behaviour Unit (ASBU)

The ASBU pass on any reports they receive of illegal drug use to Police Scotland to deal with and if they do so, they further dilute the value of the information for intelligence purposes. You are best to report the issue to Police Scotland on **101** in person and at the time it is happening.

Crimestoppers

The information will ultimately come to Police Scotland, however Crimestoppers allows you to report matters anonymously on **0800 555 111**.

Registered Social Landlords (SBHA, Eildon Housing Association, Waverley Housing & Berwickshire Housing Association)

You can inform your landlord, however as illegal drug use is a criminal matter, you will be advised to call the Police and report the matter to them at the time it is happening. Your landlord is unable to take any action against a tenant until they have been charged and found guilty of an offence in Court. Even if there is a conviction, there is no certainty that action will be taken by your landlord as this will depend on the circumstances of the case.

Further information

The purpose of this information is not to discourage you from reporting drug and Cannabis use, we hope that by doing so you will feel reassured that when you make a report, it is acted upon, even although it may not be possible to share with you what action has been taken. Scottish Borders Council and partners, including your landlord, are members of the Safer Communities Partnership and further information on policy and procedures relating to this matter can be found at [Antisocial behaviour | Scottish Borders Council \(scotborders.gov.uk\)](https://www.scotborders.gov.uk/antisocial-behaviour)