

# *Nuisance*

*Environmental Library*

# *Why should you care?*

- **Nuisance** is something that causes offence, annoyance, trouble or injury
- Nuisances can cause **distress** and are controlled under **environmental legislation**
- Local Authorities enforce this legislation and can issue an abatement notice if a **statutory nuisance** exists
- An abatement notice places remediation requirements on the producer of the nuisance to stop the nuisance within a set timeframe
- Breach of an abatement notice is a **criminal offence** and can result in **prosecution**

# *What can be a statutory nuisance?*

- **Dust pollution**
    - Prevalent in summer months on sites with high levels of vehicle movements and digging operations
  - **Artificial light pollution**
    - From night time working; more significant in dense residential areas
  - **Noise pollution**
    - From vehicles, machinery, equipment and site activities
  - **Unpleasant odours**
    - From welfare facilities (toilets and exposed waste)
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# *Typical Site Level Controls*

- **Dust**
  - Use of water suppression (dampening), cleaning vehicles before leaving site, covering disturbed ground
- **Artificial light pollution**
  - Angle lighting down on to site, away from residential windows,
- **Noise pollution**
  - Place generators away from properties, turn off vehicles when not in use, drive responsibly
- **Unpleasant odours**
  - Regular cleaning of welfare facilities and removal of wastes. Controlled use of products with strong odours

# *What do I need to do?*

- **Understand your local environment**; are there residents, schools, commercial properties, hospitals or places of worship nearby that may be affected by your works?
- Follow the guidance as set and instructions given in your WPP and **task briefings**
- If your site is issued with an **abatement notice**, carefully follow the instructions as given by your supervisor
- Always think of and be considerate to our lineside neighbours – we have over **3 million of them!**