

Information for residents – Criminal Behaviour – theft and violent behaviour

What is criminal behaviour?

Criminal behaviour includes, but is not limited to, theft and violent behaviour. Thefts and violent behaviours are criminal offences and can be reported to police.

Theft and how to report to police

Theft is the act of intentionally taking something from someone else that does not belong to you, and that you do not intend to give back. Theft of any kind is a crime and can be reported to police. Common minor thefts may include having:

- your clothes stolen from communal laundry
- something stolen from your car, or
- your mail or a package stolen

Violent behaviour

Violent behaviour includes, but is not limited to, physical abuse, threats of violence and physical intimidation. Violent behaviour is any behaviour that causes another person any injury to the body that interferes with their health or comfort, or that places them in fear of being injured.¹

You don't have to make physical contact with someone to be charged with a violence-related offence. Making someone fear that you will be violent towards them can also be an offence.

Violent behaviour is a criminal offence and can carry very serious penalties.

How to report theft or violent behaviour

If you are a victim of theft or violent behaviour, or witness theft or violent behaviour, report the incident to the police.

After you have reported to the police, contact your Uniting Community Housing Officer on 1800Homely (1800 466 359).

More information

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¹ Legal Aid Victoria