

Select Resources Related to Nuisance Ordinances and Crime-Free Housing Policies

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NHLP Nuisance Ordinance and Crime-Free Housing Initiative

- Website: <https://www.nhlp.org/initiatives/nuisance/>
- E-mail for information, training, and technical assistance requests: nuisance@nhlp.org

Federal Guidance

- HUD, *Office of General Counsel Guidance on Application of Fair Housing Act Standards to the Enforcement of Local Nuisance and Crime-Free Housing Ordinances Against Victims of Domestic Violence, Other Crime Victims, and Others Who Require Police or Emergency Services* (Sept. 13, 2016), available at: <https://www.nhlp.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/05/1-HUD-Nuisance-Guidance.pdf>
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Select Research and Analysis

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- NY ACLU and ACLU, *More Than a Nuisance: The Outsized Consequences of New York's Nuisance Ordinances* (Aug. 2018), available at: https://www.nyclu.org/sites/default/files/field_documents/nyclu_nuisancereport_20180809.pdf
- Cleveland State University and ACLU of Ohio, *Who is a Nuisance? Criminal Activity Nuisance Ordinances in Ohio* (Nov. 2017), available at: https://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract_id=3067028
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Select Case Examples

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<https://www.aclu.org/cases/briggs-v-borough-norristown-et-al?redirect=womens-rights/briggs-v-borough-norristown-et-al>
- *Berlin, New Hampshire* (2014)
<https://portal.hud.gov/hudportal/documents/huddoc?id=TownBerlin.pdf>
- *Markham v. City of Surprise, Arizona* (2015)
<https://www.aclu.org/cases/nancy-markham-v-city-surprise>
- *Victor Valley Family Resource Ctr. v. City of Hesperia* (filed 2016, settled 2018)
<https://www.aclusocal.org/en/cases/victor-valley-family-resource-center-v-city-hesperia>
- *Jones et al. v. City of Faribault* (filed 2018)
<https://www.aclu.org/cases/jones-et-al-v-city-faribault>