
What Impacts do Nuisance Abatement Ordinances Have?

Nuisance abatement ordinances are laws passed at the local level that allow municipalities to fine property owners for properties that violate health codes or disproportionately contribute to police crime and disorder calls. The goal of these ordinances is to motivate private property owners to appropriately maintain their properties and employ reasonable security measures at these locations. But do they work? This presentation will review the evidence from four studies of nuisance abatement ordinances in order to determine what impact these ordinances have on crime, emergency services calls, and the quality of life for citizens.

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