

Problem-solving policing

An approach to tackling crime and disorder, also known as problem-oriented policing (POP).

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Problem-solving policing is also known as problem-oriented policing. It's an approach to tackling crime and disorder that involves:

- identification of a specific problem
- thorough analysis to understand the problem
- development of a tailored response
- assessment of the effects of the response

The approach assumes that identifying and understanding the root causes of a problem – or conditions that allow it to continue – leads to an effective solution.

SARA model

Problem-solving policing uses the scanning, analysis, response, assessment (SARA) model of problem solving.

There are general requirements that should be met before moving through the different stages. We have checklists available to guide you through these requirements.

[Go to the SARA model](#)

Problem-solving policing resources

Research

- [Disrupting serious and organised criminals – menu of tactics](#)
- [Targeted approaches to crime and disorder reduction](#)

Toolkits

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- [Safer Streets Fund toolkit](#)

Career development

- [Problem solving: core skills](#)

Guidance

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- [Hot spots policing](#)
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