



**Public Health**  
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# Public Health Nuisance Guide

# Flow Chart



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## Public Health Nuisance

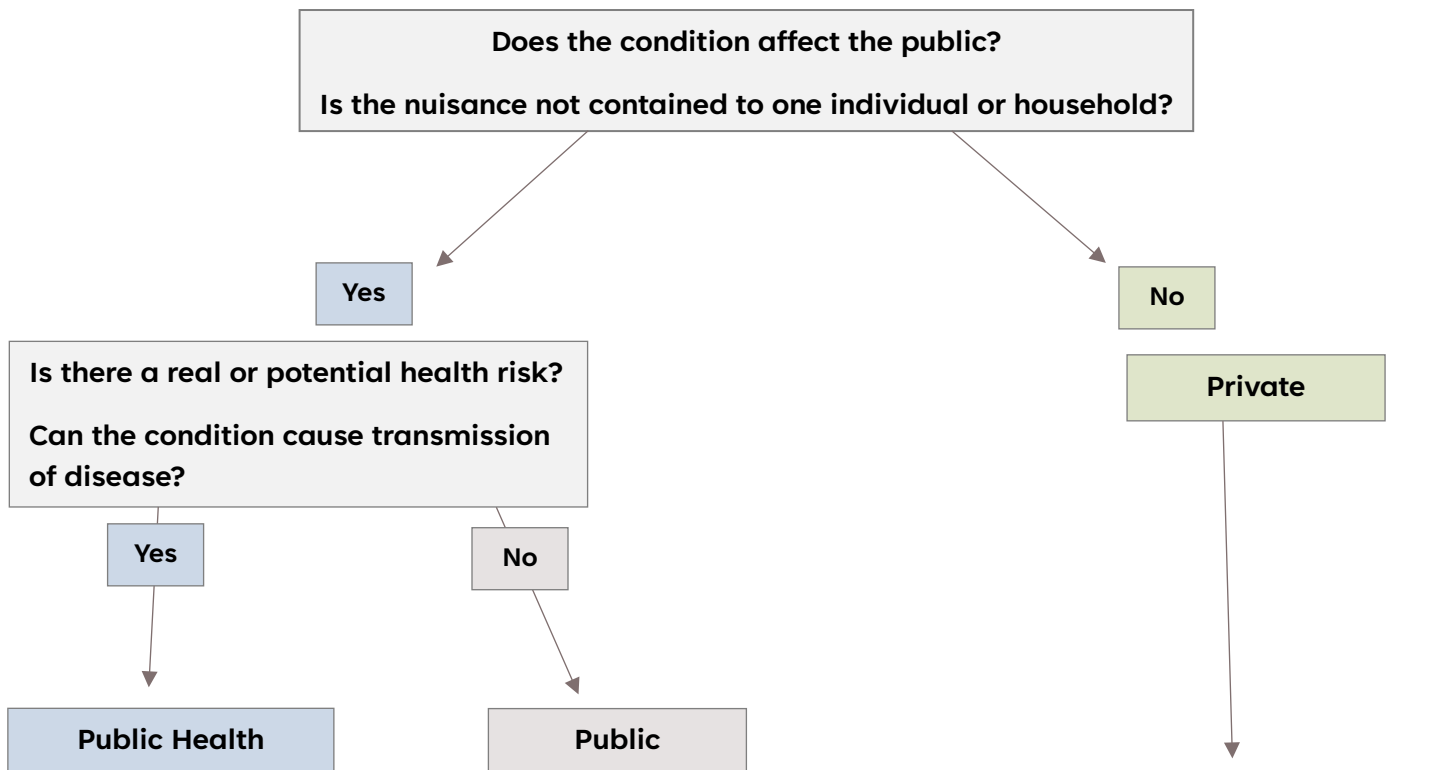
A public nuisance is a situation in which the presence of substances or unsanitary conditions are likely to foster disease or impair or endanger the health and safety of the dwelling, its neighbors, or the community.

## Public Nuisance

A public nuisance refers to conditions or situations that obstruct, cause inconvenience, or adversely affects the property rights of members of household neighbors, or persons living in the vicinity. <sup>1</sup>

## Private Nuisance

A private nuisance is one that affects an individual's right to enjoyment of some property or activity but does not necessarily affect the community. <sup>2</sup>



### Public Health Nuisance Examples:

- Rotting food waste
- Rodent or insect infestation
- Limited or blocked egress windows or doors

### Public Nuisance Examples:

- Failure to cut grass
- Vehicle noise
- Parking an excessive number of vehicles in one location

### Private Nuisance Examples:

- A large tree overhanging a neighbor's yard
- Property damage between two individuals

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.house.mn.gov/hrd/pubs/nuislaws.pdf>

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