

Conversations that Connect:

Practical ways to handle neighbour issues with confidence and care.

Start with Connection

A friendly wave builds trust
Relationships make difficult
conversations easier

Before the Conversation

What outcome do you want?
Write down specific facts
Avoid generalisations

Choose a Time and Place

When you're both relaxed
Neutral, quiet location
Give advance notice

Smart Language Choices

Stay calm and solution-focused
Use "I" statements
Avoid "You" accusations

When Things get Tricky

Take a break if emotions run high
Focus on what you agree on
Be open to compromise

Need Extra Help?

Community mediation services
Strata managers (unit complexes)
Professional counselling

Common Neighbour Issues



Noise - music, renovations, parties
Parking - wrong spots, blocked driveways
Pets - barking, wandering, waste
Rubbish - overflowing bins, odours
Property - maintenance, boundaries
Privacy - overly curious behaviour
Security - locked doors, cameras



**This tip sheet is a starting point. For more detail, explore our full resource:
[Building Relationships and Having Difficult Conversations with Neighbours.](#)**