<mark>Nuisance</mark>

To protect peoples enjoyment of their land. Not much fault required – strict liability *Cambridge Water Co v Eastern Counties Leather*

Private Nuisance

"unlawful interference with a person's use or enjoyment of his land, or some right over, or in connection with, that land"

must go beyond normal interference.

Private Nuisance.

Types of Nuisance - Hunter v Canary Wharf

(1) By Direct Injury. To neighbour's land.

Public Nuisance

Is a crime - nuisance that can affect the comfort &

convenience of group of public

Courts more likely to find nuisance for physical damage to land. *e.g. flooding or noxious fumes.* (2) By Interference with Neighbour's

<mark>guiet enjoyment of his land.</mark> e.g. smells, dust, noise (3) By Encroachment.

e.g. spreading roots or overhanging branches.

Establishing a Nuisance – Reasonable User Test.

Balance between: Interest of D, to use/enjoy his land & Interest of C, to have quiet enjoyment of his land. Sedleigh-Denfield v O'Callaghan

Reasonable User must comply with:

(b) Sensitivity of C's use of Land.

If C is unusually sensitive - irrelevant:

Robinson v Kilvert

(a) Locality of Nuisance <u>Sturges v Bridgman</u>

changes over time: <u>St Helens Smelting v Tipping</u>

matter of facts of each case: <u>Watson v Croft-Promo-Sport</u>

> (d) Public Benefit. <u>Miller v Jackson</u> <u>Bamford v Turnley</u> <u>Marcic v Thames Water</u> <u>Dennis v MoD</u>

(c) Duration of Interference.

Higher frequency of interference – more likely to be nuisance <u>British Celanese v Hunt</u> <u>Crown River Cruise v Kimbolton Fireworks</u>

(e) Malice Presence of malice will overcome D's objection to C's claim. <u>Christie v Davey</u> <u>Hollywood Silver Fox Farm v Emmett</u>

Claimant Must...

Have a Proprietary Interest.

<u>Hunter v Canary Wharf</u> <u>Malone Laskey</u> Interest in parents home will suffice <u>Khoransandjian v Bush</u>

> **Impact of Art 8** <u>McKenna v British Aluminium</u>

Doors open for claims against public bodies <u>Dobson v Thames Water</u>

Defendant Must be		
Creator of nuisance might not have deep enough pockets.		
Occupier of Land. Mantania v National Provincial Bank.		

Occupier who adopts/continues nuisance created by trespasser. Sedliegh-Denfield v O'Callaghan

Occupier who adopts/continues nuisance created by act of nature. <u>Goldman v Hargrave</u> <u>Leakey v National Trust</u>

Landlord.

If landlord has authorised it – liable. *Harris v James Harris v James* <u>*Harris v James*</u> <u>*Tetley v Chitty*</u> unless legit exclusion clause - <u>*Hussain v Lancaster*</u> must do a lot to try to prevent nuisance - <u>*Lippiatt v South Gloucestershire Council*</u>

Defences:		
Ineffective Defences:	Effective Defences:	
Coming to the Nuisance: <u>Miller v Jackson</u> <u>Sturges v Bridgman</u> Utility: <u>Adams v Ursell</u>	20 year Prescription 'this has happened for such a long time how can you complain now 20 yrs starts when nuisance is noticed Very hard to use this defence: <u>Sturges v Bridgman</u>	
<u>Dennis v MoD</u>	Statutory Authority & Planning Permission must be within what has been authorized. <u>Allen v Gulf Oil Refining</u> "margin of appreciation" - <u>Hatton v UK</u> cannot bring after planning - <u>Hunter v Canary Wharf</u>	

Remedies:			
Damages where possible – damages given. <u>Hunter v Canary Wharf</u>	Injunction Occasionally <u>Kennaway v Thompson</u>	Abatement Self-Help Remedy	