

# Cowdrey Firm, LLC Legal & Investigative Response Chart

This chart outlines 100 common harmful behaviors, risks, and issues, mapped against the appropriate response professionals: Lawyers, Investigators, and Police. It is intended as a general guide for understanding where to seek help in matters involving reputation, privacy, harassment, safety, fraud, and public order.

Issue	Lawyer	Investigator	Police
Defamation (written/libel)	✓ Civil lawsuit for libel, cease & desist letters	May collect evidence of false statements	Sometimes if tied to criminal harassment
Slander (spoken)	✓ Civil lawsuit for damages	Evidence gathering (recordings, witnesses)	Rarely, unless it escalates to threats/harassment
Public Shaming	✓ Advice on privacy & civil remedies	Gather digital/physical proof	If tied to harassment, stalking, or threats
Reputation Damage	✓ Legal advice on lawsuits or mediation	Social/media background checks	Only if harassment/criminal intent involved
Rumor Spreading	✓ Civil remedies	Track sources	Not typically criminal unless harassment
Fake News Creation	✓ Civil action for damages	Evidence of dissemination	Sometimes if tied to fraud or hate crimes
Character Assassination	✓ Defamation suit	Track organized smear campaigns	Criminal only if threats present
Online	✓ Cease &	Collect	✓ Criminal

<b>Harassment</b>	<b>desist, civil suits</b>	<b>screenshots &amp; logs</b>	<b>cyberharassment</b>
<b>Cyberbullying</b>	<b>✓ Civil claims</b>	<b>✓ Collect online evidence</b>	<b>✓ Harassment/stalking crime</b>
<b>Trolling</b>	<b>✓ Civil recourse if damaging</b>	<b>Identify perpetrators</b>	<b>Only if tied to threats</b>
<b>Doxxing</b>	<b>✓ Privacy/civil remedies</b>	<b>Track leak sources</b>	<b>✓ Criminal harassment</b>
<b>Hate Speech</b>	<b>✓ Civil rights claims</b>	<b>Evidence gathering</b>	<b>✓ Criminal in some jurisdictions</b>
<b>False Accusations</b>	<b>✓ Defamation suit</b>	<b>Collect counter evidence</b>	<b>Police if tied to false police report</b>
<b>Malicious Gossip</b>	<b>✓ Civil suit if provable damages</b>	<b>Gather witnesses</b>	<b>Rarely criminal</b>
<b>Social Media Smear Campaigns</b>	<b>✓ Legal takedown requests</b>	<b>Digital trail investigation</b>	<b>Police if tied to threats</b>
<b>Voyeurism</b>	<b>✓ Legal advice for victim rights</b>	<b>Assist in evidence recovery</b>	<b>✓ Criminal offense</b>
<b>Stalking</b>	<b>✓ Restraining orders</b>	<b>✓ Surveillance &amp; documentation</b>	<b>✓ Criminal stalking</b>
<b>Espionage</b>	<b>✓ Corporate/national security counsel</b>	<b>✓ Private/corporate investigator</b>	<b>✓ Always criminal</b>
<b>Wiretapping</b>	<b>✓ Civil and constitutional law remedies</b>	<b>Technical sweep for bugs</b>	<b>✓ Criminal offense</b>

<b>Unauthorized Filming</b>	✓ Civil privacy law claims	Collect proof of filming	✓ Criminal depending on context
<b>Hacking</b>	✓ Civil digital claims	✓ Digital forensics	✓ Criminal cybercrime
<b>Phishing</b>	✓ Civil recourse, damages	Track digital footprints	✓ Criminal fraud
<b>Identity Theft</b>	✓ Civil claims, credit law	✓ Digital forensics	✓ Criminal fraud/theft
<b>Data Breach</b>	✓ Compliance & civil notices	✓ Cyber investigation	✓ Report to cybercrime unit
<b>GPS Tracking without Consent</b>	✓ Civil privacy remedies	✓ Technical detection	✓ Criminal stalking in many places
<b>Spying with Drones</b>	✓ Privacy law action	✓ Evidence collection	✓ Possible criminal invasion of privacy
<b>Hidden Cameras</b>	✓ Civil privacy suits	✓ Sweep/detection	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Social Media Impersonation</b>	✓ Civil takedown requests	✓ Trace accounts	✓ Criminal impersonation/fraud
<b>Unauthorized Background Checks</b>	✓ Civil privacy protection	✓ Evidence collection	Police only if tied to stalking
<b>Surveillance Abuse</b>	✓ Civil damages	✓ Technical & physical evidence	✓ Criminal if abuse is coercive
<b>Information Theft</b>	✓ Civil remedies (IP law, damages)	✓ Digital forensics	✓ If hacking/identity theft
<b>Trade Secret</b>	✓ Corporate law	✓ Corporate	✓ Criminal

<b>Theft</b>	<b>remedies</b>	<b>investigation</b>	<b>economic espionage</b>
<b>Plagiarism</b>	✓ Intellectual property lawsuits	✓ Investigate sources	Not criminal unless fraud
<b>Copyright Infringement</b>	✓ IP lawsuit	✓ Investigate use/distribution	Criminal if large-scale piracy
<b>Patent Theft</b>	✓ IP lawyer required	✓ Technical investigator	Rarely criminal
<b>Trademark Infringement</b>	✓ Civil lawsuit	✓ Track usage	Not criminal
<b>Financial Fraud</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Forensic accounting	✓ Criminal fraud
<b>Embezzlement</b>	✓ Civil restitution	✓ Forensic financial investigation	✓ Criminal charge
<b>Forgery</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Document examination	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Counterfeiting</b>	✓ IP enforcement	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Check Fraud</b>	✓ Banking/financial lawyer	✓ Forensic accounting	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Credit Card Theft</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Digital forensics	✓ Criminal theft
<b>Insider Trading</b>	✓ Securities lawyer	✓ Forensic investigation	✓ Criminal offense (federal)
<b>Corporate Espionage</b>	✓ Corporate attorney	✓ Corporate investigator	✓ Criminal if laws broken
<b>Bribery</b>	✓ Legal remedy	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal corruption
<b>Intimidation</b>	✓ Restraining	✓ Document	✓ Criminal

	orders, civil claims	incidents	threats/harassment
<b>Bullying</b>	✓ Civil remedies	✓ Collect school/workplace records	✓ Criminal if physical or extreme
<b>Sexual Harassment</b>	✓ Civil rights & workplace suits	✓ Collect testimonies	✓ Police if assault
<b>Threats</b>	✓ Injunctions & civil protections	✓ Documentation	✓ Criminal harassment
<b>Extortion</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal extortion
<b>Blackmail</b>	✓ Legal remedies	✓ Trace financial/digital trail	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Coercion</b>	✓ Civil suit or restraining order	✓ Collect proof	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Gaslighting</b>	✓ Legal advice if abuse tied	✓ Documentation	Police if tied to domestic abuse
<b>Cult Manipulation</b>	✓ Civil intervention	✓ Behavioral investigation	✓ Police if abuse involved
<b>Workplace Harassment</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ HR investigation	✓ Criminal if violent
<b>Cyberstalking</b>	✓ Civil orders	✓ Trace accounts	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Domestic Harassment</b>	✓ Civil protection orders	✓ Collect proof	✓ Criminal if violent
<b>Public Confrontations</b>	✓ Civil remedies	✓ Gather witnesses	✓ Criminal if escalates
<b>Silent Treatment (abuse)</b>	✓ Legal advice if tied to control	✓ Behavior documentation	Rarely criminal
<b>Workplace</b>	✓ Labor lawyer	✓ Collect	Police if violent

<b>Retaliation</b>		<b>workplace evidence</b>	
<b>Assault</b>	✓ Legal prosecution advice	✓ Collect proof/witnesses	✓ Criminal charge
<b>Battery</b>	✓ Civil damages	✓ Evidence collection	✓ Criminal charge
<b>Vandalism</b>	✓ Civil suit for damages	✓ Proof collection	✓ Criminal property crime
<b>Theft</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Trace stolen goods	✓ Criminal theft
<b>Robbery</b>	✓ Civil recovery claims	✓ Investigation support	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Burglary</b>	✓ Civil property claims	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal charge
<b>Domestic Violence</b>	✓ Civil protection orders	✓ Document abuse	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Homicide</b>	✓ Criminal defense counsel	✓ Evidence handling	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Kidnapping</b>	✓ Legal protections	✓ Trace movements	✓ Criminal felony
<b>Arson</b>	✓ Civil insurance/legal claims	✓ Forensic investigation	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Hate Crimes</b>	✓ Civil rights attorney	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Terroristic Threats</b>	✓ Legal protections	✓ Evidence collection	✓ Criminal/federal crime
<b>Gang Intimidation</b>	✓ Civil orders	✓ Surveillance	✓ Criminal offense

<b>Human Trafficking</b>	✓ Victim legal aid	✓ Investigative support	✓ Criminal/federal crime
<b>Weapons Violations</b>	✓ Legal defense/prosecution	✓ Evidence documentation	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Fraudulent Contracts</b>	✓ Civil contract suit	✓ Document analysis	Police if criminal fraud
<b>Scams</b>	✓ Civil recovery claims	✓ Trace scammers	✓ Criminal fraud
<b>Financial Exploitation</b>	✓ Elder law remedies	✓ Trace funds	✓ Criminal if theft
<b>Undue Influence</b>	✓ Probate/elder lawyer	✓ Gather testimony	Police if abuse present
<b>Emotional Manipulation</b>	✓ Civil protective orders	✓ Documentation	Police if tied to abuse
<b>Predatory Lending</b>	✓ Consumer law attorney	✓ Document proof	Police if criminal
<b>Exploitation of Minors</b>	✓ Family/juvenile lawyer	✓ Gather digital evidence	✓ Criminal felony
<b>Workplace Exploitation</b>	✓ Labor lawyer	✓ HR investigation	Police if severe abuse
<b>Sexual Exploitation</b>	✓ Civil claims	✓ Collect evidence	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Organized Manipulation (cults)</b>	✓ Civil legal protections	✓ Behavioral documentation	Police if abuse involved
<b>Whistleblower Retaliation</b>	✓ Employment lawyer	✓ Workplace evidence	Police if violent
<b>Unfair Dismissal</b>	✓ Labor lawyer	✓ Workplace	Not a police

		investigation	issue
Discrimination	✓ Civil rights lawyer	✓ Collect proof	Police if tied to hate crimes
Hostile Work Environment	✓ Civil claims	✓ Witness evidence	Police if violent
Wage Theft	✓ Labor lawyer	✓ Financial evidence	Rarely police unless fraud
Corporate Cover-ups	✓ Corporate lawyer	✓ Internal investigator	✓ Criminal if laws broken
Nepotism/Corruption	✓ Legal remedies	✓ Internal investigator	Police if fraud
Union-Busting	✓ Labor lawyer	✓ Collect testimony	Not police unless violent
Retaliation	✓ Legal claims	✓ Evidence collection	Police if tied to threats
Workplace Sabotage	✓ Civil remedies	✓ Internal investigator	Police if criminal intent
Trespassing	✓ Property lawyer	✓ Gather proof	✓ Criminal offense
Loitering	✓ Legal advice	Not applicable	✓ Criminal misdemeanor
Disorderly Conduct	✓ Legal defense	✓ Collect witness proof	✓ Criminal misdemeanor
Noise Complaints	✓ Property law advice	✓ Documentation	✓ Police enforcement
Illegal Protests	✓ Civil rights lawyer	✓ Documentation	✓ Criminal enforcement
Public Intoxication	✓ Defense lawyer	Not applicable	✓ Criminal misdemeanor
Vagrancy	✓ Civil rights	✓ Evidence	✓ Criminal



	<b>counsel</b>	<b>collection</b>	<b>enforcement</b>
<b>Graffiti</b>	✓ Civil property lawyer	✓ Collect proof	✓ Criminal property damage
<b>Public Nudity</b>	✓ Legal defense	Not applicable	✓ Criminal charge
<b>Obstruction of Justice</b>	✓ Criminal defense lawyer	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Rioting</b>	✓ Defense counsel	✓ Gather video proof	✓ Criminal felony
<b>Civil Disobedience</b>	✓ Civil rights attorney	✓ Documentation	✓ Criminal if laws broken
<b>Illegal Gambling</b>	✓ Criminal defense lawyer	✓ Evidence gathering	✓ Criminal offense
<b>Smuggling</b>	✓ Customs/defense lawyer	✓ Investigation	✓ Federal crime
<b>Bribery of Officials</b>	✓ Criminal defense lawyer	✓ Evidence documentation	✓ Criminal corruption