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What is a Nuisance?

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The nuisance lawsuit filed against the Rio Motel last month is the 10th such suit Attorney General John Cornyn has brought against an establishment since taking office. The AG's office provided a list of definitions that constitute a common nuisance. It includes repeated activity of:

- Prostitution
- Gambling
- Organized crime
- Controlled substances
- Firearm discharges
- Alcohol violations
- Aggravated assault
- Sexual assault/aggravated sexual assault
- Robbery/aggravated robbery
- Unlawfully carrying weapon
- Obscenity
- Spitting is okay.

The AG's office says it takes more than one offense to constitute a nuisance, although there is no magic number.

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