

Reporting a Hate Crime or Incident



What is a Hate Crime?

A hate crime is a **criminal act** targeting an individual because of their race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or transgender identity. It's about the perpetrator being motivated by hostility or prejudice toward a protected characteristic.



What is a Hate Incident?

A hate incident is an incident, that **is not a criminal act**, which is perceived by the victim or anyone else to be motivated by prejudice or hostility towards a person's race, religion, sexual orientation or transgender identity. While not a crime, hate incidents can still be deeply harmful and upsetting. These should also be reported.

Methods you can use to report:

- 999 Call (emergency only)
- 101 Call
- Website/online reporting/email report
- Police Station
- Third Party Reporting centres

Any hate crimes will be recorded, and you will receive a unique reference number. An Officer will commence an investigation and gather evidence.

The victim of the event will be offered the services of Victim Support throughout this process.



Following investigation various outcomes can occur including out of court methods (e.g. Community Resolution), or sent to the Crown Prosecution Service for a charging decision. Outcomes will be discussed with the victim.

By taking action and reporting, you may be able to prevent this from happening to someone else. You will also help the police understand the extent of hate crime/incidents in your local area so they can better respond to it.

Reporting makes a difference - to **you**, **your friends** and **your community**.

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