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Hate crime is motivated by
prejudice, fear
or ignorance.

If you experience it,
report it.

**Be a part of the solution:
report it.**

You can report a hate crime, or a hate
incident whether it has happened to
you, a friend, or if you have witnessed it
happen to someone else.

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Most people know how it feels to occasionally be called an upsetting name, be sneered at, or mocked.

Sadly, some people experience this regularly because of who they are.

Sometimes it escalates to serious harassment, even physical violence.

Then it becomes a hate crime.

Hate crimes and hate incidents can be based on a person's:

- Race
- Religion or belief system
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity
- Disability
- Personal characteristics that make them appear different.

Any incident or crime thought to be motivated by a person's 'difference' should not be tolerated. **Always report it.**

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Hate crimes and incidents are by their nature very personal. As a result they can be frightening.

People commit hate crimes because of **fear, ignorance, or prejudice.**

Whatever the reason, it is wrong and has no place in our community.

A hate crime or incident could be:

- Threatening / intimidating behaviour
- Assault
- Robbery
- Damage to property
- Offensive letters
- Abusive phone calls
- Arson
- Harassment

What is the difference between a hate crime and hate incident?

A hate incident is an act that falls short of a criminal offence, but is perceived to be motivated by prejudice.

They can feel like crimes to people who suffer them, but the police can only prosecute when the law is broken.

They can often escalate to crimes, or create tension in a community.

Incidents should always be reported, so everyone can work together to prevent the situation escalating.

What happens when you report a hate crime or hate incident?

You will be taken seriously and all reports of hate crime and incidents will be acted upon.

When incidents are identified as hate crimes it could lead to a more severe sentence.