

# Hate crime is wrong.

# Report it.





# Have YOU been A VICTIM?



## What is a hate crime?

A hate crime is a crime that happens to someone because of who they are.

### This includes:

- name calling
- hitting and punching
- being made fun of
- bullying
- being frightened by someone
- having your things stolen or damaged



### A hate crime could happen to a person because of:

- race
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- how someone sees their gender
- disability including learning disability, physical disability and mental health



You should tell the police if a hate crime happens to you, if you see one happen or you know someone it has happened to. If you don't want to tell the police you can talk to other agencies like Victim Support or local community based support groups.



## How to tell the police about a hate crime

### In person:

You can visit your local police station in person or speak to your community Police Officer or PCSO.

### By phone:

In an emergency call **999**.

For general questions or to tell the police about a crime or incident that is no longer happening call **101**.



Victim Support Line (Freephone 24/7)  
**0300 30 31 982**



### Online:

- True Vision – You can tell the police about a hate crime at **report-it.org.uk**
- Report online to Victim Support  
**www.reporthate.victimsupport.org.uk**

### Support Groups:

- You can contact support groups in your local area – a list of support group contacts can be found at True Vision - **www.report-it.org.uk**





## What happens when you report a hate crime?

When you report a hate crime, the police will look into what happened and what you say will be taken seriously.

The police will support anyone who tells them about a hate crime and will do their best to make you feel safe.



## If a hate crime happens to you or to someone else:

- in an emergency always call 999
- go to a safe place as soon as you can
- make as much noise as you can to get attention
- get help
- if you see hate crime happening, don't put yourself in danger
- always tell the police what has happened
- if you can, write down everything you can remember about what happened, the date and time it happened, what the person looked like if you don't know them and what they said or did.



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