

Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

A Hate Crime is any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's:

- Disability
- Race
- Religion/Faith
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender Identity
- Alternative subculture



Anyone can be affected by Hate Crime.

You don't have to be a member of the group to which the hostility is targeted at. You don't have to be gay to have had homophobic abuse shouted at you. You may not be part of a religion and still have someone target you because they think you are.

WHAT IS A HATE INCIDENT?

A hate incident is an act that falls short of being a criminal act and is therefore not a criminal offence, but is still perceived by the victim to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on any of the same characteristics.

Many fall short of being a criminal act and are therefore not a criminal offence, but are still perceived by the victim to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice.

It is still important to report to the Police, agencies such as EQUIP, or ask someone you trust to report on your behalf.

If you have experienced or been a witness of a hate crime or hate incident, contact EQUIP for free, impartial advice and support:

Phone Number
0330 135 6606

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TYPES OF HATE INCIDENTS



Why Report It?

- It Helps You
- It Helps Others
- It Helps the Community



Whether an incident is a criminal offence or not, all should be reported. By reporting something when it happens to you, you are also helping to prevent it from happening to someone else. Any reports can be made anonymously and will be confidential.

Some hate crimes may start small but may escalate into serious and frequent attacks. Reporting can help the police and local organisations take action to combat hate crime before it becomes more serious.

SILENCE HIDES HATE!

Reporting a hate incident is one of the most positive and proactive things you can do if you've witnessed one or been a victim of hate. Your report will give EQUIP valuable information and you will receive advice and support.

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