

We all have a responsibility to stand up to hate crime.

If you have been a victim of hate crime, if you know of someone who has been a victim of hate crime or if you witness a hate crime, **you should report it**. You don't need to know the victim or even know their name.

The person may not realise they have been a victim of hate crime, they may be too scared to report it or they may not know how to report it.

If you think the incident is a hate crime, even if the victim doesn't, then it will be logged and responded to as a hate crime.

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:

- Race (including nationality, national origin, ethnic origin, race and colour).
- Religion or belief
- Sexual orientation
- Disability
- Gender identity
- Individual characteristic that makes someone appear different.

Examples of hate crime

Any type of crime can be a hate crime. Examples can include:

- Assault
- Criminal damage
- Harassment
- Murder
- Theft
- Fraud
- Graffiti
- Arson
- Hate mail
- Name calling

What can you expect from the police?

ALL reports of hate crime will receive a police response.

We may not be able to respond immediately but **WE WILL** act on all reports.

