

## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER I REPORT?

If you report a hate crime to the police (even via a Third Party Reporting Centre), you will be given an incident log number.

If you have given your details, an officer will contact you to discuss what has happened. It is helpful if you specifically tell the officers that you believe a hate crime has taken place. This will ensure you get the correct support.

You may be asked to give a statement at a police station, depending on the nature of the crime.

The officers will then gather evidence. Under Scottish law, at least two pieces of evidence are required to advance a case to the Procurator Fiscal. The Procurator Fiscal can ask the police to seek more evidence.

If there is sufficient evidence, the Procurator Fiscal will decide on the next course of action. This might include warnings, fiscal fines, prosecution in court (which may lead to different outcomes depending on the nature of the crime), or no action at all.

If you have reported anonymously, the police will only try to contact you if they believe you are in danger.

You can always contact Victim Support Scotland for advice if you have been the victim of a crime.

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# GLASGOW IS NO PLACE FOR HATE

# YOU DON'T HAVE TO TOLERATE IT

**This leaflet outlines your rights under the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021 and explains how to identify, report and seek support for hate crimes.**

# WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

A hate crime is a crime that targets a person or group based on:

- Age
- Disability
- Race
- Religion (including having no religion)
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity
- Variations of sex characteristics

Regardless of whether you consider yourself a member of a protected group, you can still fall victim to a hate crime if someone targets you based on their belief that you might belong to one.

You don't have to be attacked physically to be the target of a hate crime.

Hate Crime might look like:

- Harassment
- Having your property or a community space (such as your place of worship) vandalised
- You or your family being threatened
- Someone making you feel intimidated
- Hitting, shoving, grabbing your clothes, etc
- Someone stealing your belongings
- Someone swearing at you or making abusive remarks

# NO CRIME IS TOO MINOR TO REPORT

Reporting helps the police to build a picture of the nature and extent of hate crime in the community. Even reports of minor crimes helps the police to understand the best way to use their resources. It helps them understand what's happening in your community, highlights areas of concern, and monitor patterns of behaviour – all of which can lead to reduced crime in the future.

By reporting, you can help to raise public awareness of hate crime which can change attitudes. Your information may lead to an arrest and conviction.

If you have been the victim of a hate crime, reporting can help you to receive support and advice.

# HOW CAN I REPORT?

- In an emergency, you should call 999. If it isn't an emergency, you can call 101 or visit a police station
- You can report hate crimes online: Search for "Police Scotland online reporting"
- If the incident has occurred on the train, you can text British Transport Police on 61016
- You can report at a Third Party Reporting Centre
- Visit [www.hatecrimeglasgow.org](http://www.hatecrimeglasgow.org) for more information
- You can report anonymously by contacting Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or by visiting [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

# WHAT IF I NEED HELP TO REPORT?

- BSL users can register for 999 BSL, an emergency service which uses a BSL translator. This can be found on the App Store
- You can use Relay UK to text emergency services. This must be registered for in advance. Search for "text 999" to find out more
- Third Party Reporting centres can help you to access support to report, such as translators, plain clothes officers, or making contact around childcare commitments. Please visit the website at [www.hatecrimeglasgow.org](http://www.hatecrimeglasgow.org) for more information
- 101 call handlers have access to professional interpreters who can translate if you cannot easily communicate in English
- Victim Support Scotland can help you if you are experiencing trauma as a result of a hate crime

# HATE CRIME AND THE LAW

Everyone in Scotland is protected by the Hate Crime and Public Order (Scotland) Act 2021. This piece of legislation says that nobody should be made the victim of a crime based on their actual or perceived race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity, age, disability or variations in their sex characteristics. It also forbids stirring up hatred against any of these groups.