

Everyone has the right to live free from fear, intimidation and abuse. Nobody deserves to be abused or should have to accept intolerable behaviour.

What is a hate crime?

A hate crime is a criminal offence that is motivated by hostility and prejudice towards somebody because of their gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, race, or religion or belief.

Hate crimes can include:

- Verbal abuse
- Physical assault
- Online abuse
- Sexual assault
- Harassment
- Damage to property
- Bullying or threatening behaviour
- Inciting others to commit hate crimes

Anyone can be a victim of hate. These crimes can also take place anywhere – at home, out in public, online, at work or at school.

It's important to:

- Recognise it is happening and accept you are not to blame.
- Go somewhere you know is safe and get help.
- Remember that hate crimes start as smaller incidents, but they may escalate into more serious and frequent attacks. Therefore, make sure you report any incidents.



Tackling hate crime

You might want to shrug it off if it happens to you. But if you tell us, we can investigate and stop it from getting worse, for you or someone else. Even if you're not sure whether it's a crime or not, you should report it so we can investigate.

How can you report a hate crime?

If you have experienced a hate crime or incident, we're here to support you.

- Call **999** if you feel you are in danger, threats have been made against you or if a crime is in progress.
- For non-emergencies, call **101**.
- If you're deaf, hard of hearing or speech-impaired, you can use textphone **18001 101**.
- Webchat with us at www.west-midlands.police.uk
- Visit your local police station.
- Report it online via www.report-it.org.uk

Anyone can report a hate crime, whether they are the victim, witness or a third party.

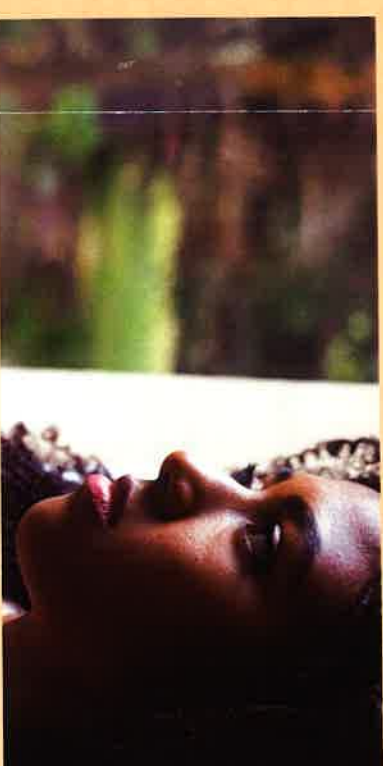
What is a third party reporting centre?

Third party reporting centres are community locations where victims can report hate crimes or incidents without having to contact the police directly.

Staff at the centres have been trained to help you report a hate crime through the True Vision website. This information is then passed directly to your local police force.

To find out where your nearest third party reporting centre is, visit

www.west-midlands.police.uk and search for 'hate crime'.




What support can you access?

It's important that you don't suffer in silence.


Below are some of the organisations you can turn to for support.


True Vision

 www.report-it.org.uk

True Vision is a police website providing information about hate crime or incidents, and how to report it.


Victim Support


 0808 1689 111


 www.victimsupport.org.uk

Victim Support is a charity that works with all people affected by crime, including victims, witnesses, their family and friends.

Stop Hate UK


 Call 0800 138 1625 or text 07717 989 025


 talk@stophateuk.org


 www.stophateuk.org

Stop Hate UK is a charity that provides independent and confidential support to people affected by hate crime.

Remedi Hate Crime Service


 0800 488 0894


 hatecrimevictimservice@remediuk.org

 www.remедиuk.org

Remedi provide initial and long-term support to victims of hate crimes and hate incidents.

Galop


 0800 999 5428


 help@galop.org.uk


 <https://galop.org.uk>


The LGBTQ+ anti-abuse charity, offering advice and support to people facing hate crime, domestic abuse or sexual violence.

Tell MAMA

 Call 0800 456 1226 or text 0115 707 00 07


 0734 184 6086


 info@tellmamauk.org

 <https://tellmamauk.org>

Tell MAMA supports victims of anti-Muslim hate and is a public service which also measures and monitors anti-Muslim incidents.


CST

 incidents@cst.org.uk


 <https://cst.org.uk>

Community Security Trust (CST) is a charity that protects British Jews from antisemitism and related threats.

Mind

 0300 123 3393

 info@mind.org.uk

 www.mind.org.uk

Mind can offer help whenever you might need it through their information, advice and local services.

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