

HATE INCIDENTS & HATE CRIMES



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Advice for victims of hate crime:

- **Avoid confrontation and get yourself somewhere safe before considering reporting.**
- **Keep a note of what happened to the best of your ability, including; time, location, and a description of the offender(s).**
- **Try to retain any information or evidence relating to the incident e.g. text messages, social media posts, letters, etc.**
- **Remember, support is available even if you don't want to report the incident.**

Hate crime causes great distress to its victims and the wider community. A hate incident/crime can be any incident/crime if it is motivated by hostility towards an individual's or group's identity.

Norfolk and Suffolk Police take this type of crime very seriously and is committed to tackling it to make our communities safer.

What is 'hate'?

Hate is when an offender is hostile towards an individual's or group's identity because of a prejudice against their:

- Race, ethnicity or nationality
- Religion or belief (or lack of)
- Disability (this may include physical, sensory, learning disability, or mental health related disability)
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity

What type of incidents can be a hate incident?

Here are examples of non-crime hate incidents:

- Spreading rumours
- Being refused service

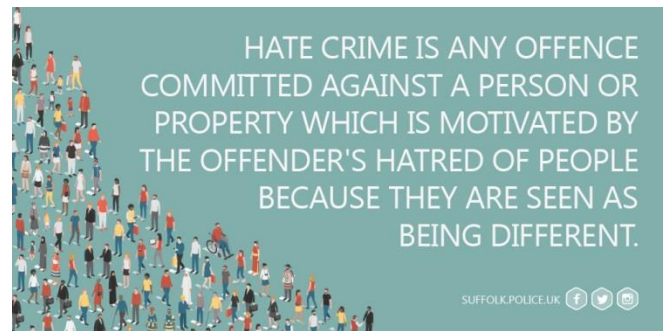
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What is hate crime?

When a hate incident becomes a criminal offence, it becomes a hate crime e.g.

- Harassment
- Criminal Damage
- Violence
- Fraud (including 'mate crime' taking advantage of a vulnerable individual)

Any type of crime may be classified as a hate crime if motivated by the prejudices above.



What do the Police do about Hate Crime?

We record and investigate hate crime, and give high priority to the investigation of these incidents.

We recognise that, although some incidents may seem minor to others, they are often much more serious when part of a pattern of behaviour directed at members of a minority group.

People who witness, or are the victim of hate crime, are encouraged to report the incident directly to the police or through other means as soon as possible.

Reporting Hate Crime

To report hate crime, you can either use our website or call **101**, where someone will be able to help you.

Always dial **999** when life is threatened, people are injured, if there is a crime in progress or an immediate police response is necessary.



First Principle: Related links

Ask the Police

Official Police Resource. The Ask the Police website provides you with information on a wide range of non-emergency policing matters.

askthe.police.uk

Crimestoppers

An independent charity that gives people the power to speak up to stop crime 100% anonymously, by phone 0800 555 111 or online.

<https://crimestoppers-uk.org/>

True Vision

Providing victims and witnesses with information on hate crime/incidents and a platform to report online.

<http://www.report-it.org.uk/>

GOV.UK

National advice on reporting hate crime.

<https://www.gov.uk/report-hate-crime>

Norfolk & Suffolk Victim Care

An independent charity that is dedicated to supporting victims of crime and traumatic incidents within Norfolk & Suffolk.

<https://www.nsvictimcare.org/>



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