Hate Crime is not acceptable

Don't ignore it – report it

Report hate crime on 101
Or at www.report-it.org.uk
Dial 999 in an emergency

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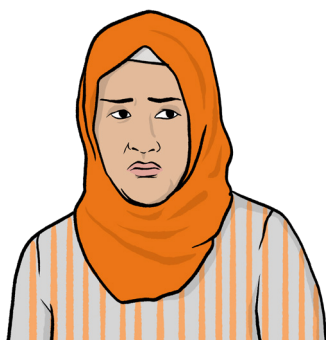
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What is hate crime?

A hate crime is any crime against someone because of:

- Their disability or learning difficulty

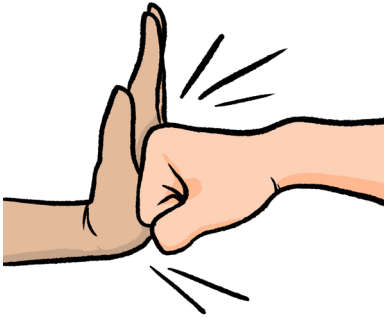- Their race or the colour of their skin

- Their religion or beliefs

- Their choice to say they are male or female or something else

- Their sexuality - gay or straight or something else

Almost any type of crime can be a hate crime.

Hate crimes can include:

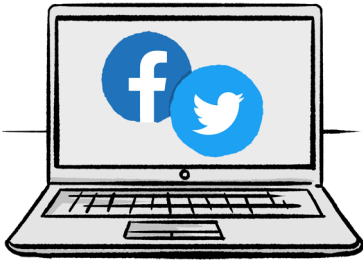- Doing or saying things to hurt someone
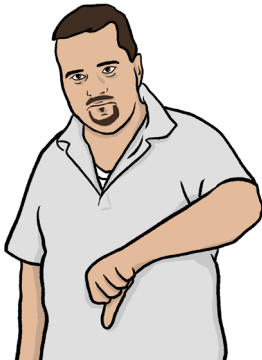
- Damaging property

- Graffiti

- Setting fire to something on purpose

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Hate crime can also happen online – like on Facebook or Twitter.
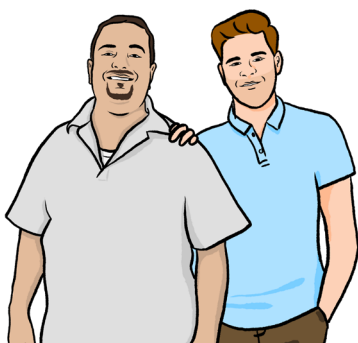
Being different is not a crime.

But if someone commits a crime against you because you are different, that is a hate crime.

People who have suffered a hate crime

People who have suffered a hate crime can feel upset, hurt or confused.

They can get support to help them deal with the situation.

Don't ignore it – report it

If no one stops hate crime, it can get worse and affect more people.

If you report a hate crime, the police can do something about it.

The police take hate crime seriously. They will look into it fully.

Confidential

No information will be shared without your agreement.

You will be treated with respect.

Punishment

If someone commits a crime which is also a hate crime, they will get a bigger punishment.

Support

In Hertfordshire, we have specially trained hate crime officers.

They give support to anyone who has been a victim of hate crime.

How to report hate crime

You can report hate crime to police by phoning **101**.

You can also report it at:
www.report-it.org.uk

In an emergency, always call **999**.

If you this information in another language please visit:
www.hertsagainsthate.org

Where to report your hate crime locally

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