Support

In Hertfordshire, the police have specially trained hate crime officers. They deal with victims of hate crimes and support anyone who has been affected by hate incidents.

How to report hate crime

You can report hate crime to police via **101**.

If you would prefer not to go direct to police, there are other ways you can report it. You can go online at **www.report-it.org.uk** to report a hate crime, or you can go to one of the many third party reporting centres in your area.

If you are in danger now or the crime is happening now, always call **999**.

Visit **Hertsagainsthate.org** for more ways to report hate crime. Scan this code to get there quickly.
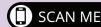

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Where you can report hate crimes locally:

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HERTFORDSHIRE CONSTABULARY

Hertfordshire

Police & Crime Commissioner FOR HERTFORDSHIRE

County Community Safety Unit

Stop the hate
Don't ignore it, report it.

**Hate crime is not acceptable
Visit Hertsagainsthate.org**

Don't ignore it - report it

What is a hate crime?

Have you ever been targeted for abuse because of who you are? If so, you may have been a victim of a hate crime.

A hate crime is any crime that is targeted against someone because of:

- Their disability or learning difficulties
- Their race or the colour of their skin
- Their religion or beliefs
- Their gender identity
- Their sexual orientation.

Almost any type of crime can be a hate crime. Attacking people, swearing or making threats, bullying, graffiti and even arson or murder could all be hate crimes.

Even if the abuse happened online, such as on Facebook or Twitter, it can still be a hate crime.

If someone has been targeted because of who they are but a crime has not occurred – or cannot be proven – this is called a 'hate incident'.

People who have been targeted in hate incidents can feel upset, hurt or confused. Support is available to them to help them deal with the situation.

Don't ignore it - report it

You might think reporting hate crime is not important. It may be you're embarrassed to discuss it, scared of reprisals, or had bad experience of reporting in the past.

But reporting a hate crime means that the police can do something about it. If no one stops it, it could get worse or it could affect more people. Just think how many people could see offensive graffiti.

Hate crimes that are reported to police will be taken seriously and will be fully investigated. No information will be shared without your agreement and you will be treated with respect.

Anyone who commits a crime will get a heavier punishment if it is proved to be motivated by hate.