

Even if you wish to remain anonymous the information you provide may be vital in helping the police to catch and bring to justice the people who commit these crimes.

**Don't suffer
in silence**



**Police
non-emergency
call 101**

**IN AN EMERGENCY...
if you are in
immediate danger
call 999 and
ask for the Police**

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What is HATE CRIME?

Graffiti Racism Name Calling
Bullying Physical Attacks
Intimidate Homophobia

**Celebrate
Difference...**



What is hate crime?

A hate crime is any criminal offence committed against a person or property that is motivated by an offender's hatred of someone because of their:

- Race, colour, origin, nationality or origins
- Religion
- Gender or gender identity
- Sexual orientation
- Disability



Hate crime can take many forms including:

- **Physical attacks**
 - such as physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti, neighbourhood disputes and arson
- **Threat of attack**
 - including offensive letters, abusive or obscene telephone calls, groups hanging around to intimidate and unfounded malicious comments
- **Verbal abuse or insults**
 - including offensive letters and posters, abusive gestures, and bullying at school or the workplace

If you are the victim of a hate crime do not suffer in silence, report it to the police. Any information you give is valuable, it enables the police to identify areas of concern, patterns of behaviour and could lead to the prosecution of offenders.

How to report a hate crime

If you believe you have been a victim or witness to a hate crime there are several ways you can report this:

Emergency – Call 999 if:

- A crime is happening now
- People are injured
- People are being threatened or in danger
- The offender is still there or nearby

The Police provide an interpreter service for those who may have difficulty speaking or understanding English. When you call say which language you speak and you will be connected to a translation service. *You can call this number free from any phone.*

Non-emergency

- Call the police non-emergency phone number line 101
- Contact or visit your local police station
- Report online at –
www.northyorkshire.police.uk/index.aspx?articleid=631
- Visit a hate crime reporting centre.
Full list at –
www.northyorkshire.police.uk/hatecrime