

# Hate crime

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A hate crime is:



A crime that is committed against you because of who you are.

## Easy Read Factsheet



All crime is wrong.

Tell the Police if a crime happens to you.

- Phone 101 to talk to the Police.
- Phone 999 in an emergency.



Examples of what might be a hate crime:



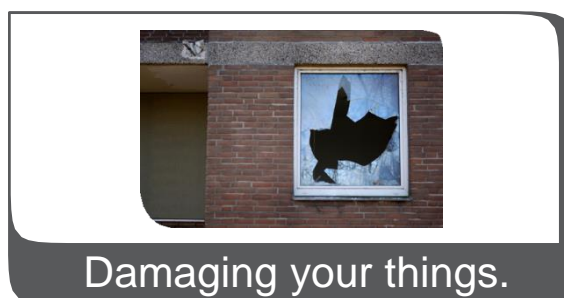
Abusing you.



Attacking you.



Stealing your things.



Damaging your things.

People who commit hate crimes pick on other people because of who they are.

They pick on people because of:



Their disability.



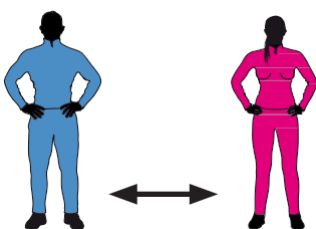
Their race or their ethnicity, such as the colour of their skin.



Their religion.



Their sexuality, such as being gay or lesbian.



They have changed their gender, such as from a man to a woman.

Hate crimes are taken very seriously by the Police and by the courts.



The Police will take action to catch people who commit hate crimes.



People who commit a hate crime can get tougher punishments in court.

Hate crime sometimes starts by people bullying you.

It is important to stop bullying and abuse before it gets worse. People should not do things like this to you:



Throw eggs at your door.



Post nasty letters to you.



Call you nasty names.



Take your things from you.

What to do if anyone is bullying you, abusing you, attacking you or stealing or damaging your things because of who you are.



Tell someone you trust. In an emergency phone 999 for the Police.

You can also talk to Stop Hate UK by phoning this number.

**STOP HATE CRIME**  
**0800 138 1625**  
**24 HOUR HELP LINE**



Derbyshire County Council help to protect people from abuse.

You can also report abuse anytime by contacting 'Call Derbyshire':

- Phone: 01629 533190
- Text: 86555
- Email: [contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:contactcentre@derbyshire.gov.uk)



If you know anything about a crime and do not want to give your name call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



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