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# Hate crime reporting

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A hate crime is behaviour that someone thinks was caused by hostility, prejudice or hatred of:

- Disability (including physical impairments, mental health problems, learning disabilities, hearing and visual impairment)
- Gender identity (people who are transgender, transsexual or transvestite)
- Race, skin colour, nationality, ethnicity or heritage
- Age
- Religion, faith or belief (including people without a religious belief)
- Sexual orientation (people who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or heterosexual)

This can include:

- Physical attacks - such as physical assault, damage to property, offensive graffiti, neighbour disputes and arson
- Threat of attack – including offensive letters, abusive or obscene telephone calls or text messages, groups hanging around to intimidate and unfounded, malicious complaints
- Verbal abuse or insults – offensive leaflets and posters, abusive gestures, offensive comments and/or name calling, dumping of rubbish outside homes or through letterboxes and bullying at school or in the workplace

## Report it

If you have witnessed or been the victim of a hate incident then please report it.

All incidents are taken very seriously and treated in the strictest confidence.

### To report to the police:

- In an emergency call **999**
- Non-emergency call **101**
- [Lancashire Constabulary online form](#)

### To report it to us

If you report hate crime to us we will aim to acknowledge within 5 working days and reply to you with ways we think we can help within 20 working days.

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