Hate crime

WEST YORKSHIRE POLICE



A hate crime is when a crime 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.



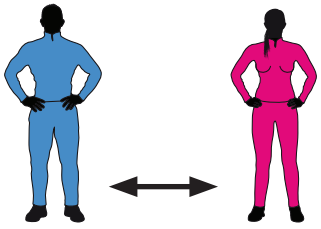
Their race or their ethnicity, such as the colour of their skin.



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 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 before it gets worse.

Bullying is when people do things like these.



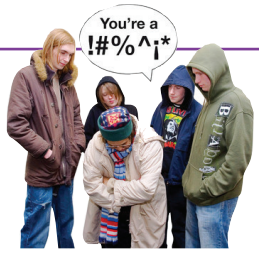
Sending you nasty messages.



Throwing eggs at your door.



Posting nasty letters to you.



Calling you nasty names.



Taking your things from you.

What to do if someone is bullying or abusing you.



Tell someone you trust. Tell lots of people.

Report it

- For Police non-emergencies telephone **101**
- Deaf or speech impaired **www.westyorkshire.police.uk/deaf**
- Livechat **www.westyorkshire.police.uk/contactus**
- Independent Hate Incident Reporting Centre (full list available on the website)

In an emergency phone 999 for the Police.



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

Yorkshire & Humber CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 111 Call anonymously with information about crime

Also see our eight Easy Read Crime Prevention Factsheets.



- Travelling safely
- Safety when out and about
- Protecting your home
- Visitors to your home
- Mate crime
- Internet and phone bullying
- Identity theft
- Keeping secrets



For more advice visit the West Yorkshire Police website: www.westyorkshire.police.uk

If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired,Typetalk on 18001 101 (non-emergency) or 18000 (emergency) or text us on 07786 200 200 or 999 (For more information visit www.emergencysms.org.uk).

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