Hate hurts

Report it
Get support
Say no to hate

Hate crime is a criminal offence and includes physical attacks, threat of attack or verbal abuse because of race, nationality, religion, gender identity, sexuality, and/or disability.

If you are or you know someone who is a victim of hate crime, don’t be afraid to report it.

In an emergency always dial 999.

There is #NoPlaceForHate in Southwark.

www.southwark.gov.uk/hatecrime
What is a hate crime and what can I do?

A hate crime is defined as:

“Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person’s race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by a hostility or prejudice against a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.” Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) & Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO)

A hate incident is defined as:

“Any incident, which may or may not constitute a criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim or any other person, as being motivated by prejudice or hate.” ACPO

Why should I report?

We need to know what groups of people are victims so that we can support them. At least half of all hate crime is not reported to the police this means that a large number of people are not getting the help they deserve.

People who commit hate crimes and are not prosecuted may then target other people too. If people report, then it is possible the number of crimes will reduce and less people will be hurt.

How can I report?

In an emergency (if a crime is happening now or if anyone is in immediate danger) always dial 999.

In a non-emergency, you can contact the police on the 24 hour non-emergency number of 101. You can also use this number to contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team, or go to www.police.uk/metropolitan for more information.

What if I don’t want to report directly to the police?

Some victims or witnesses may not wish to report directly to the police, or may want specialist support.

You can report hate crime online at: www.report-it.org.uk/your_police_force

Some services can also provide 3rd party reporting services and specialist support. For more information about the services and support available, go to: www.southwark.gov.uk/hatecrime

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