

HATE CRIME

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

What is Hate Crime?

Scots Law defines a Hate Crime as a crime committed against a person or property that is motivated by 'malice or ill-will towards an identifiable social group'. If you have been the victim of a crime and you believe you have been targeted because of the perception that you belong to one of the 'social groups' listed below, then it is likely you have been the victim of a Hate Crime.

The 'social groups', or categories, to which the term 'Hate Crime' can be applied in the Courts are:

- race
- religion
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity
- disability

Hate Crime can take a number of forms, including, but not limited to:

- physical assault
- criminal damage to property eg. graffiti, arson, vandalism
- intimidating or threatening behaviour including obscene calls or gestures
- offensive literature such as letters, leaflets, posters
- verbal abuse or insults including name-calling or offensive 'jokes'
- emotional and psychological abuse
- bullying
- murder

What to do if you experience or witness a 'Hate Crime' incident:

If you experience or witness a Hate Crime incident, no matter how trivial or unimportant you may think it is, your complaint will be taken seriously. Report the incident to the police -

- in person, by telephone or letter
- through the on-line crime reporting facility available on Strathclyde Police website.
- through a Third Party Reporting Centre*

REMEMBER – ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999 IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP.

What is Third Party Reporting?

Many people, for various reasons, are reluctant to report crime directly to the police. Third party reporting is an important way to overcome this. Third Party Reporting Centres are agencies which have agreed to take on the role of third party reporting in addition to the services which they normally provide.

Reports of hate crime can be made, by victims and/ or witnesses, to any third party reporting centre in Glasgow. They will pass the information to the police on your behalf only with your consent. The police are then required to act on this as if they had received the report directly from you. Your report will be in confidence and you can give as much or as little personal information as you wish. These centres have received appropriate training and can also provide you with any additional support or advice required.

To locate a Third Party Reporting Centre near you, or one which is particularly relevant to your concerns, please see the reverse side of this leaflet.

How do I report to the police online?

Sometimes people feel sufficiently confident to report directly to the police but may not want to go to a police office or have a police officer visit them. The on-line crime reporting facility allows you to make a direct and confidential report to the police. The report can be entirely anonymous if you wish, although this may make police investigation more difficult. To report on-line visit www.strathclyde.police.uk and click on **Report a Crime** and then click on **Hate Crime**.

Why report a Hate Crime?

There are a number of reasons why reporting Hate Crime is important:

- if you are a victim you can receive appropriate support and advice
- you will help the police to build a picture of the nature and extent of Hate Crime in your community and in Glasgow
- you will help to raise awareness of the issue and lead to a change in attitudes
- your information could lead to an arrest and conviction

HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRES

Amina

Network House
311 Calder Street
Glasgow, G42 7NQ
0141 585 8026

YMCA Glasgow

Y Work with Refugees
33 Petershill Drive
Glasgow, G21 4QQ
0141 557 6105

Positive Action in Housing

98 West George Street
Glasgow, G2 1PJ
0141 353 2220

West of Scotland Regional Equality Council

39 Napierhall Street
Glasgow, G20 6EZ
0141 337 6626

Ethnic Minorities Law Centre

41 St Vincent Place
Glasgow, G1 2ER
0141 204 2888

Ethnic Enable

39 Napierhall Street
Glasgow, G20 6EZ
0141 334 2277

Scottish Refugee Council

5 Cadogan Square
Glasgow, G2 7PH
0141 248 9799

Glasgow Asylum Seeker Support Project

101 Portman Street
Glasgow, G41 1EJ
0141 222 7300

United Kingdom Borders Agency

Festival Court
200 Brand Street
Glasgow
0141 555 1525

The Well Asian Advice Centre

48/50 Albert Road
Queens Park
Glasgow, G42 8DN
0141 222 7364

Victim Support Scotland

10 Jocelyn Square
Glasgow, G1 5JU
0141 553 1726

Kingsway Court Health and Wellbeing Centre

Block 50 Kingsway Court,
Scotstoun, Glasgow, G14 9SR
0141 959 0129

LGBT Youth Scotland

38 Queen Street
Glasgow, G1 3DX
0141 548 8121

Glasgow Women's Library

81 Parnie Street
Glasgow, G1 5RH
0141 552 8345

Open Road Project

West Street Centre
123 West Street
Glasgow, G5 8BA
0141 420 7284

Govanhill Housing Association

Samaritan House,
79 Coplaw Street
Glasgow, G42 7JG
0141 636 3626

Southside Housing Association

511 Shields Road
Pollokshields
Glasgow, G41 2RW
0141 422 1112

Glasgow Housing Association

Rosemont Work Space, Unit W5
141 Charles Street
Glasgow, G21 2QA
0141 274 7300

British Deaf Association (Scotland)

1st Floor, Central Chambers
Suite 58, 93, Hope Street
Glasgow, G2 6LD
0141 248 5554
(Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 4pm)

Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Asylum Seekers

52, St Enoch Square,
Glasgow
0141 286 6320

Say Women

Glasgow
0141 552 5803

Social Work Department

Merryland Street,
Glasgow
0141 445 3178

The Steve Retson Project

Sandyford Centre
2-6 Sandyford Place
Glasgow, G3 7NB
0141 211 8628

Strathclyde Lesbian and Gay Switchboard

0141 847 0647

Terrence Higgins Trust

134 Douglas Street
Glasgow, G2 4HF
0141 332 3838

Victim Support

Glasgow
0141 553 2415