

WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

Hate crimes are acts of violence or hostility, or any crimes directed at someone because of who they are, or who someone thinks they are.

You may be a victim of a hate crime if you believe you have been targeted because of:

- Race (including ethnicity & country of origin)
- Religion (including belief or lack of)
- Sexual orientation
- Disability (including mental health & learning disabilities) or
- Gender identity
- Any other perceived difference

These aspects of a person's identity are known as protected characteristics, www.gov.uk/discrimination-your-rights

Hate crimes can include:



Verbal Abuse



Intimidation



Threats



Harassment



Bullying



Assault



Damage to Property

The person committing the hate crime may be someone you don't know – but it could also be a friend, relative or carer, or an acquaintance who is looking to exploit their relationship with you for financial or criminal gain.

How to report hate crime:



West Midlands Police

Please **call 101** non-emergency number

Please **call 999** if it is an emergency

or via Live chat by visiting www.west-midlands.police.uk



Birmingham Community Safety Partnership

Please visit for more information on Hate crime

www.birmingham-community-safety-partnership.co.uk



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