### Don't let it be invisible.

Hate crime is motivated by prejudice, fear or ignorance. If you experience it, report it.

### Have you experienced and/ or witnessed hate?

We work in partnership with key organisations to support victims of hate crime:

### **Warwickshire Police**

Committed to tackling hate crime in all its forms, Warwickshire Police work to investigate incidents, protect victims, and bring offenders to justice. Report Hate Crime to Police online via www.warwickshire.police.uk, or Call Police on 101, in an emergency please dial 999.

### **EQuIP, Equality and Inclusion Partnership**

An equalities charity that provides a free and impartial discrimination and hate casework service to victims, witnesses and all communities across Warwickshire. Contact EQuIP at 0330 135 6606.

### **Victim Support**

An independent charity offering confidential emotional and practical support, as well as restorative justice service to anyone affected by hate crime. Speak to your local victim care team in Warwickshire on 01926 358060.



Scan the QR code to access more information in different languages and report hate.







# HATE.

## Be a part of the solution: report it.

You can report a hate crime, or a hate incident whether it has happened to you, a friend, or if you have witnessed it happen to someone else.

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Give information anonymously: reporthatenow.com

# HATE. Never tolerate it. Always report it.

Most people know how it feels to occasionally be called an upsetting name, be sneered at, or mocked.

Sadly, some people experience this regularly because of who they are. Sometimes it escalates to serious harassment, even physical violence.

Then it becomes a hate crime.

## Hate crimes and hate incidents can be based on a person's:

- Race
- Religion or belief system
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity
- Disability
- Personal characteristics that make them appear different.

Any incident or crime thought to be motivated by a person's 'difference' should not be tolerated.

### Always report it.

Hate crimes and incidents are by their nature very personal. As a result they can be frightening. People commit hate crimes because of fear, ignorance, or prejudice. Whatever the reason, it is wrong and has no place in our community.

#### A hate crime or incident could be:

Threatening / intimidating behaviour

- Assault
- Robbery
- Damage to property
- Offensive letters
- Abusive phone calls
- Arson
- Harassment



## What is the difference between a hate crime and hate incident?

A hate incident is an act that falls short of a criminal offence, but is perceived to be motivated by prejudice.

They can feel like crimes to people who suffer them, but the police can only prosecute when the law is broken.

They can often escalate to crimes, or create tension in a community. Incidents should always be reported, so everyone can work together to prevent the situation escalating.

### What happens when you report a hate crime or hate incident?

You will be taken seriously and all reports of hate crime and incidents will be acted upon.

When incidents are identified as hate crimes it could lead to a more severe sentence.