

Hate Crime - Myths



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Myth

Police Response

They were only calling me names

Report it.

I did not think the incident was serious enough to report

Their behaviour may be about to get worse, more harmful or hurtful.

They do it all the time. I just have to put up with it

The Police may be able to help avoid further incidents or crimes.

If I tell the Police then things will get worse

You should not have to put up with Hate Crime.

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	<p>I did not realise it was a crime</p>	<p>Report it.</p> <p>Whether it is a Hate Crime or Incident, if you tell the Police then they can help stop it.</p>
	<p>If I report it to the Police, people will find out personal information about me</p>	<p>Report it.</p> <p>The Police do not publish personal information.</p> <p>The Police will talk to you about when information could be shared by other organisations.</p>

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	<p>I am not very good at English so I cannot report it.</p>	<p>Report it.</p> <p>The Police will try to help you understand everything.</p> <p>They may give you information in writing, in an Easy Read format or use a translator / interpreter to help.</p>
	<p>I will have to go to court</p>	<p>Report it.</p> <p>Not all situations need you to go to court but reporting will help the Police.</p> <p>If you do need to go to court, the Police and CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) can talk to you about “Special Measures” to help you during the court process.</p>

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CPS (Crown Prosecution Service) and Court



MoJ (Ministry of Justice), Court and Special Measures



Warwickshire Police



West Mercia Police