

Norfolk & Suffolk Crime Prevention

Guidance Note

Hate Crime



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Our Priority is You

Hate crime causes great distress to its victims and the wider community. Examples of hate crime may include: verbal abuse, property damage, violence, threats, offensive messages or other harassment.

Norfolk and Suffolk Police take this type of crime very seriously and is committed to tackling it to make our communities safer.

What is Hate Crime?

Hate incidents and hate crime are acts of violence or hostility committed against a person or property that is motivated by the offender's prejudice or hatred of people because of their:

- Race
- Religion or belief
- Physical or sensory disability
- Learning disability or mental health
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Gender identity

For Further Crime Prevention Advice:-

For Norfolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Architectural Liaison Officer (ALO)

For Suffolk dial 101 and ask to speak to your local Safer Neighbourhood Team

What type of incidents can be a hate incident?

Hate incidents can take many forms. Here are examples of hate incidents:

- Verbal abuse like name-calling and offensive jokes
- Harassment
- Bullying or intimidation by children, adults, neighbours or strangers
- Physical attacks such as hitting, punching, pushing, spitting
- Threats of violence
- Hoax calls, abusive phone or text messages, hate mail
- Online abuse for example on Facebook or Twitter
- Displaying or circulating discriminatory literature or posters
- Harm or damage to things such as your home, pet, vehicle
- Graffiti
- Arson
- Throwing rubbish into a garden

What do the Police do about Hate Crime?

We record and investigate hate crime, and give high priority to the investigation of these incidents.

Full recognition is given to the fact that individual incidents, which may appear minor in nature to some, are far more serious when part of a pattern of behaviour directed at members of a minority group.

People who witness or are the victim of hate crime are encouraged to report the incident to the police as soon as possible.

Reporting Hate Crime

To report hate crime, you can either use the website or call **101**, where someone will be able to help you.

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Always dial **999** when life is threatened or people are injured, or if there is a crime in progress or an immediate police response is necessary.

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