

Hate Crime or Hate Incident?

It's important to understand the difference between a hate crime and a hate incident...

Hate Crime

A hate crime occurs when a criminal offence is committed and is motivated by hostility, prejudice, or discrimination towards a person's actual or perceived protected characteristic.

Examples include:

- physical assault
- criminal damage or vandalism
- harassment
- incitement to hatred.

Hate Incident

A hate incident is an act that may be motivated by hostility or prejudice and can cause distress or offence, but it does not meet the threshold of a criminal offence.

Examples may include:

- verbal abuse shouted from a passing vehicle
- offensive comments or gestures
- non-criminal discriminatory behaviour.

Although hate incidents are not crimes, they are still recorded and monitored by the police, as they can escalate into more serious incidents or criminal offences.



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Protected characteristics

In the UK, hate crimes and hate incidents are commonly associated with hostility towards a person's actual or perceived:

- race or ethnicity
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- disability
- transgender identity.

Reporting Hate Crime

If you've experienced or witnessed a hate crime or hate incident, it's important to report it.

You can report directly to the police:

- **999** – In an emergency or if there is an immediate danger to life
- **101** – For non-emergency incidents
- Crimestoppers (anonymous reporting): **0800 555 111**

Support and reporting information is also available through the Police UK Reporting Service and True Vision – www.report-it.org.uk.

Nottingham City Council tenants

If you're a Nottingham City Council tenant and are experiencing hate crime or hate-related anti-social behaviour in or around your home, please report it to us.

Reporting incidents helps us take appropriate action and support those affected.

You can do this by:

Telephone: **0115 746 9555**

Email: reportasb@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Text: Text **ReportASB** followed by your name and address to **80800**, and a member of the team will contact you.

