

How to Report a Hate Crime

What is a hate crime?

Hate crime is defined as any criminal offence that is motivated by prejudice or hate based on a persons perceived or actual religious belief, disability, race, sexual orientation or gender identity. The victim doesn't have to be an actual member of the group at which the hostility is targeted towards. Hate crime can take the form of:

- Physical violence or assault
- Verbal abuse or threats
- Obscene calls or texts
- Offensive mail or email
- · Harassment, exclusion or isolation
- Damage to property

Police

- In the case of emergencies please call the police on 999
- If you have a speech impairment, are deaf or hard of hearing, a text phone is available on 18000
- Users who are pre-registered can also text on 999
- Non-emergency contact can be made by calling 101
- For deaf people / speech impaired people is 07781480999
- Or report online https://www.hampshire.police.uk/

Non-Police local reporting alternatives

For anyone who may not be comfortable with reporting their experience directly to the police there is the option of using a Third Party Reporting Centre (TPRCs). They will be able to provide an alternate way to report a hate crime and give confidential support & advice along the way. You wouldn't need to have any contact with the police and can remain anonymous should you wish. There are 60+ TPRCs across Hampshire, a full list of which can be found at https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/taking-action/hatecrime

National Independent reporting alternatives

Hate Crimes can also be reported at the below sites completely confidentially without the need to reveal your personal details:

- True Vision https://www.report-it.org.uk/home
- Stonewall https://www.stonewall.org.uk/
- The Muslim Council of Britain https://mcb.org.uk/
- Citizens Advice https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/
- Galop https://galop.org.uk/
- Community Security Trust https://cst.org.uk/report-incident
- TellMAMA https://tellmamauk.org/
- Equality and Human Rights Commission https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en