


# REPORT HATE CRIMES AND INCIDENTS

**DOCUMENT. CALL. PROTECT.**



## HATE CRIMES

<p><b>Are you or is your community targeted?</b></p>		
<p><b>Is your or your group's property targeted?</b></p> <p>Damage, burn, or destroy (or threats/attempts)</p>		<p>Real or personal property, even if connected to a public building, such as a cemetery, library, meeting hall, recreation center, or school</p>
<p><b>Is your religion or place of worship targeted?</b></p>	<p>Damage or threaten to damage property used for a religious purpose</p>	<p>Obstruct you from exercising your religious belief by force or threat of force</p>

<p><b>BECAUSE OF your personal characteristics or group membership</b></p>	<p><b>HATE CRIME EXAMPLES</b></p>
<p>Race</p> <p>Color</p> <p>Religious Beliefs</p> <p>Sexual Orientation</p>	<p>Vandalism, Bomb Threat, Arson, Physical Attacks, Theft</p> <p>Property Damage with Hate Symbols, Language, Graffiti</p>
<p>Gender</p> <p>Gender Identity</p> <p>Disability</p> <p>National Origin</p> <p>Homelessness</p>	<p><b>IT CAN HAPPEN ANYWHERE</b></p> <p>Online. On The Phone. Face to Face. In Writing.</p> 

# **HATE INCIDENTS**

Any act or expression of hostility or aggression that is motivated by bias but does not rise to the level of a crime.

These incidents should be reported. It may be hard to know if a crime was committed. Bias incidents can be as frightening and demoralizing as a hate crime.

## **HATE INCIDENT EXAMPLES**

Verbal abuse like name-calling, degrading language, or offensive jokes



Racial or homophobic slurs

Imitating someone's cultural norm or practice

Bullying or intimidation

Distribution of hate literature

Displaying hate material or derogatory images

Harassment

Malicious complaints of smells or noise



**STILL UNSURE IF YOU'RE A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME OR HATE INCIDENT?  
FOLLOW STEPS TO REPORT BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE**

## **HOW TO REPORT: ARE YOU TARGETED OR A WITNESS?**

**DOCUMENT & PRESERVE EVIDENCE: PHOTOS, VIDEO, WRITING DETAILS  
ABOUT INCIDENT AND PERPETRATOR(S)  
REPORT ASAP**

If you are in danger or witnessing a crime call 9-1-1

Maryland 2-1-1  
Language Services Available

Hate Crimes Hotline  
1-866-481-8361

Maryland State Police  
1-800-525-5555

Maryland Commission on Civil Rights  
1-800-637-6247

## **AFTER REPORTING**

Share your story. Publicly condemn hate crimes. Contact the media. Reach out to your representatives. Support other victims by encouraging reporting.

**CONNECT. STAND TOGETHER.**