HATE MAKES ME FEEL...

Hate hurts.
Report it and put a stop to it.

#HateHurtsSYP

South Yorkshire
POLICE

'Hate' can be any incident or crime motivated by prejudice or hostility (or perceived to be so) against a person's race, religion, sexual orientation, transgender identity or disability. It includes:

- A criminal offence where the law is broken is a hate crime
- An incident that is not a criminal offence is a hate incident

All 'hate' is assessed by the Police and whilst not all cases are criminal offences, those that are, as well as hate incidents, will be recorded.

What is a hate crime?

A hate crime is any criminal offence motivated by prejudice or hostility (or perceived to be so) against a person's:

- **Disability** – physical, hearing and visual impairments, mental ill health and learning disabilities
- **Race** – nationality, ethnicity, skin colour and heritage
- **Religion** – faith, belief, non-religious belief
- **Sexual orientation** – people who identify as lesbian, gay, bi-sexual or heterosexual
- **Gender identity** – people who identify as 'trans' including transgender or transsexual people

It can include things like:
- Physical assault
- Damage to property
- Offensive graffiti
- Arson
- Inciting hatred online

This list is not exhaustive; hate crime can be motivated by many different types of prejudice. We also monitor and record incidents motivated by other characteristics such as age, and particular subcultures such as goth, punk and emo.

What is a hate incident?

The Police can only prosecute when the law is broken, but also want to know about non-crime hate incidents. These incidents may not be criminal offences but often can feel like a crime to those affected, and can sometimes escalate to crimes; therefore, we work with partners to try and prevent this from happening. Non-crime hate incidents include things such as offensive or insulting comments, online, in person or in writing.

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Report it

Anyone can be a victim of hate. Hate crime or incidents can take place anywhere - at home, in the street, online, at work or at school. No-one should have to live with fear, anxiety and consequences of hate.

If you are a victim or a witness of hate, reporting it will help us to deal with it and may prevent these incidents from happening to someone else. You will also help us to understand the extent of hate incidents in your local area so that we can better respond to it.

It is important that if hate happens to you or someone you know. Report it and put a stop to it.

How to report a hate crime or incident?

- Call **101** for non-emergencies or **999** in an emergency
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired textphone **18001 101** or SMS **07786 220 022**
- Visit or contact a local Hate Crime Reporting Centre, **a full list is available on our website**
- You can also report hate crime online through our website or True Vision (**report-it.org.uk**)
- For more information visit: **southyorks.police.uk/hatehurts**