# Hate crime

A hate crime is when a crime is committed against you because of who you are.

All crime is wrong.

Tell the Police if a crime happens to you.

• Phone 101 to talk to the Police. •

Phone 999 in an emergency.

Examples of what might be a hate crime:

Abusing you.

Attacking you.

Stealing your things.

Damaging your things.

People who commit hate crimes pick on other people because of who they are.

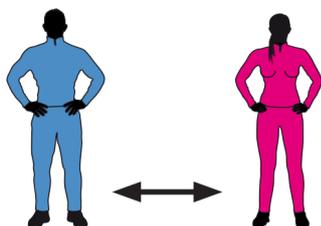They pick on people because of:

Their disability.

Their race or their ethnicity, such as the colour of their skin.

Their religion or belief.

Their sexuality, such as being gay or lesbian.

They have changed their gender, such as from a man to a woman.

# Hate crimes are taken very seriously by the Police and the courts.



The Police will take action to catch people who commit hate crimes.



People who commit a hate crime can get tougher punishments in court.

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# Hate crime sometimes starts by people bullying you.

It is important to stop bullying before it gets worse.

Bullying is when people do things like these.



Sending you nasty messages.



Throwing eggs at your door.



Posting nasty letters to you.



Calling you nasty names.



Taking your things from you.

# What to do if someone is bullying or abusing you.

Tell someone you trust. Tell lots of people.

## How to report hate crime

If you feel that this is happening to you and that someone is bullying or abusing you, please tell someone you trust and report it on 101.

In an emergency phone 999 for the Police.

Victim Care and Advice Service (VCAS) provides support to victims of crime in the Cleveland area support is free and confidential and you can access support even if you haven't reported -
0303 040 1099 www.vcas.uk

**Scan here to report hate crime**

**If you do not wish to report directly to the police you can report hate crime through a Hate Crime Reporting Centre, which is a community venue**

For more advice visit our website: www.cleveland.police.uk

If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired, Typetalk on 18001 101 (non-emergency) or 18000 (emergency) or text us on 07786 200 200 or 999 (For more information visit www.emergencysms.org.uk).