



Devon & Cornwall Police

Hate Crime Easy Read Factsheet

What is a disability hate crime?

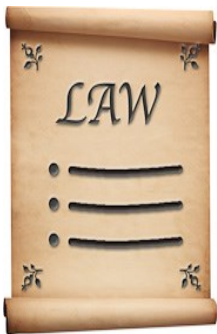


If you have a learning disability, or any kind of disability, you could be a victim of disability hate crime.



A disability hate crime is **any crime** that you or someone else thinks has happened to you **because you have a disability**.

The person who does it could be someone you know or a stranger.



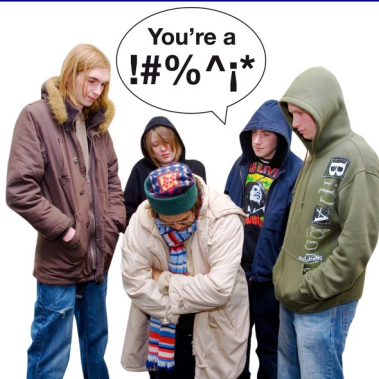
Crimes are bad things people do that are **against the law**.



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Examples of what might be a disability hate crime



Someone calling you **bad names** face to face, on the internet or by text message



Someone stealing **money** or other things from you



Someone **hitting** you or saying they are going to hit you



Someone **coming to your house** and not **leaving** when you ask them to

If any of these things happen to you, you have been a victim of crime.



Not every crime against a person with a learning disability is a hate crime.



But if you are a victim of crime and you think the person who did the crime did it because you have a disability, it is a **disability hate crime**.



If a crime happens to you, or you are worried about a crime happening to you, it can be **scary**. But you are not alone.



This guide tells you what you can do if you are a victim of hate crime, so you can stop it happening again.

What should you do if you are a victim of disability hate crime?



Lots of people with a learning disability are victims of hate crime, but **not many people tell anyone about it**.

If you are a victim of hate crime, you are not alone and **you do not have to put up with it**.



If you **tell someone** they can help you make sure it does not happen again. You can:

1. Tell the Police



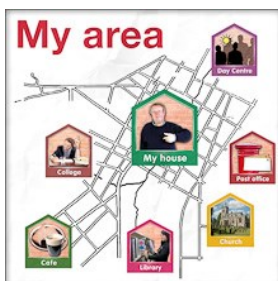
You can phone them on **999** if it is an emergency. An emergency is something that is serious or dangerous and needs to be stopped quickly.

If it is not an emergency but you still want to tell the police about it you can phone **101**. Calls from landlines and mobiles cost 15 pence per call, no matter what time of day you call or how long your call lasts.

Or if something happens in public you can tell a **police officer** in person.

This could be a police officer who is out and about or a police officer at a **police station**.

2. Go to a third party reporting centre



A third party reporting centre is a place you can go to tell someone about a hate crime, that is not a police station.

Different areas have different third party reporting centres. The ones in your area could be:

- Your **day centre** or gateway club
- Your local **Citizens Advice Bureau**
- Your **council or the Adult Social Care Learning Disability Team**



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3. Phone the Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime Helpline



0808 802 1155
Stop Learning Disability Hate Crime

This helpline is for people in England and Wales who have been a victim of learning disability hate crime or know someone who has. It is run by Stop Hate UK.



The helpline number is **0808 802 1155** and it is free to call from landlines and most mobile phones.



It is open **24 hours a day**, every day of the year.

4. Use the True Vision Website



True Vision is a website where you can report hate crimes.



You can also get information about hate crime and how to get support if you are a victim of hate crime.



The website address is: www.report-it.org.uk.

5. Tell a friend or family member



If you are a victim of hate crime but you do not feel like you can speak to a stranger about it, you can just tell a **friend** or **family** member.



They can **support you** to go to the police or phone the helpline on **0808 802 1155**.



Or if you do not want to report the crime, they can help you to **deal with** what has happened and to **stay safe** in the future.

For more advice



Visit the website: www.dc.police.uk/easy-read

If you are hard of hearing or have a speech impairment:

- **EMERGENCY only:** Text 999 to send a message to the police. You will **need to register your mobile phone** with the website at www.emergencysms.org.uk first.
- **EMERGENCY only:** Textphone 18000 to send a message to the police using your textphone or Minicom.
- **Non Emergency only:** Text 67101 to send a text message to the police. (Please note this line is not available between 0300 hrs - 0700 hrs)
- **Non-Emergency only:** Textphone 18001 to send a message to the police using your textphone or Minicom.
- **Non-Emergency only:** Email 101@dc.police.uk to send an email to the police