







RACIST HATE CRIME

DISABILITY HATE CRIME

HOMOPHOBIC HATE CRIME

WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

A hate crime is any incident perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by prejudice against someone's sex, racial heritage, religion, disability or sexual orientation.

IT CAN INCLUDE

- verbal abuse and harassment
- threats and intimidation
- physical assault and violence including sexual violence
- property damage
- graffiti
- offensive mail

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUFFER HATE CRIME?

If you have suffered - or have witnessed - any incident of hate crime you can:

- contact the Police by telephoning 101
- if you are reporting an emergency telephone 999 and ask for the Police.
- contact any of the Reporting Centres or Information Points in this booklet.
- report online at www.coventry.gov.uk/hatecrime

If it is your child at school who is being harassed, listen to your child and encourage your child to tell the teacher immediately. If your child tells you, you can approach the school and talk to the teacher and head teacher directly.

If it is happening at work, tell your employer immediately, seek help from your trade union or tell the Police.

If you would like any further information or advice please call Coventry City Council's Harm Reduction and Strategic Victim Support Officer on **024 7683 2118**

REPORTING CENTRES

SOUTH

Whitefriars Housing Group

192 Torrington Avenue Tile Hill Coventry CV4 9AJ

Tel: **024 7649 6700**

9 Little Park Street branch Coventry CV1 2UR

Tel: **024 7676 7111**

Victim Support

Unit 5 and 6 Steeple House Percy Street Coventry CV1 3BY

Tel: **024 7683 9950**

Whitefriars Housing Group

St. James Lane, Coventry CV3 3FX Tel: **024 7651 6700**

Coventry Refugee Centre

15 Bishop Street Coventry CV1 1HU Tel: **024 7622 7254**

Terrence Higgins Trust

10 Manor Road Coventry CV1 2LH Tel: **024 7622 9292**

WATCH (Hillfields)

12 Victoria Street Hillfields Coventry CV1 5LZ

Tel: **024 7655 0564**

Hillfields Children's Centre

Clifton Street Hillfields Coventry CV1 5GR Tel: **024 7622 8174**

NORTH WEST

Midland Heart Housing Association

Highfield House St Nicholas Street Coventry CV1 4BN Tel: **0845 8501020**

Please ask for the Coventry office.

Coventry and Warwickshire Friend

PO BOX 8 Coventry CV1 3ZT Tel: **024 7671 4199**

Coventry Peace House

311 Stoney Stanton Road Coventry CV6 5DS

Tel: **024 7666 4616**

Helpline: 0808 800 0051

Whitefriars Housing Group

29-32 Riley Square Bell Green Coventry CV2 1LS Tel: **024 7670 8400**

NORTH EAST

Valley House Children's Centre

Navigation House 55-57 Bell Green Road Coventry CV6 7GQ Tel: **024 7626 6280**

Minority Group Support

Services (Coventry City Council)
Citibase
101 Lockhurst Lane
Coventry CV6 5SF

Tel: **024 7668 9250**









WHY REPORT

By reporting an incident to an independent hate crime reporting centre, the details of your case - with your agreement - will be shared with local agencies like the police, city council and social landlords like Whitefriars Housing Group.

By sharing information, a range of actions will take place to identify and deal with the perpetrator and to support the victims or witnesses.

THESE ACTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

- extra home security for victims
- extra CCTV to identify perpetrators and capture evidence
- tenancy enforcement of perpetrators
- police investigation to collate evidence
- advice and information for victims
- support for victims through any criminal prosecution
- rapid removal of offensive graffiti
- collation of photographic evidence of hate crime

INFORMATION POINTS

All libraries in the city are Hate Crime Information Points and offer:

- Free dedicated telephone and internet/email access to people reporting hate crimes
- Refer people to their nearest Hate Crime Reporting Centre



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HATE CRIME DESTROYS LIVES DO NOT LET IT HAPPEN TO YOU LET'S COMBAT IT TOGETHER

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