

## How to tell the police about a hate crime

### In person:

You can visit your local police station in person or speak to a police officer or PCSO.

### Third party reporting centres:

Cheshire Constabulary have a number of third party reporting centres in the community where you can go to report a hate crime to someone who can then report it on your behalf. A list of places where you can report can be found on [www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)

## Report hate crime

To report a non-emergency incident:

**101**

In an emergency dial:

**999**

For more information go to:

[www.cheshire.police.uk](http://www.cheshire.police.uk)



[www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)

on line reporting which will come through to the police

The infographic features a central dark grey speech bubble containing the text "Being targeted because of who you are...". Surrounding this central bubble are five smaller, light green speech bubbles, each containing a protected characteristic: "Race", "Disability", "Religion", "Sexual Orientation", and "Gender Identity". To the right of the central bubble, the text "... is HATE CRIME" is written in a large, bold, dark grey font. Below this, the text "CHESHIRE POLICE WANT TO KNOW ABOUT IT." is written in a very large, bold, black font.

## What is a hate crime?

Hate crime involves any criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a personal characteristic.

A hate crime could happen to a person because of:

- race
- religion or belief
- sexual orientation
- gender identity
- disability

What to look for

- name calling
- harassment
- discrimination
- being ignored
- being made fun of
- verbal or physical attack
- having your things stolen or damaged
- being bullied

## What happens when you report a hate crime?

When you report a hate crime, the police will look into what happened and what you say will be taken seriously.

The police will support anyone who tells them about a hate crime and will do their best to make you feel safe.

If a hate crime happens to you or to someone else:

- in an emergency always call 999
- go to a safe place as soon as you can
- make as much noise as you can to get attention
- get help
- if you see hate crime happening, don't put yourself in danger
- always tell the police what has happened
- if you can, write down everything you can remember about what happened, the date and time it happened, what the person looked like if you don't know them and what they said or did.

You should tell the police if a hate crime happens to you, if you see one happen or you know someone it has happened to. If you don't want to tell the police you can report it online at true vision or attend a third party reporting centre.