

# Hate crime



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

## Easy Read Factsheet



**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 committ hate crimes pick on other people because of who they are.

They pick on people because of:



Their disability.



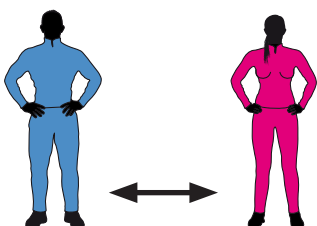
Their race or their ethnicity, such as the colour of their skin.



Their religion.



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 by 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.

Hate crime sometimes starts by people bullying you.

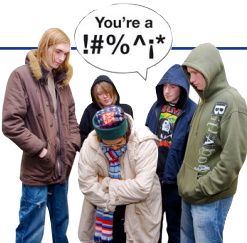
It is important to stop bullying before it gets worse. Bullying is when people do things like:



Throw eggs at your door.



Post nasty letters to you.



Call you nasty names.



Take your things from you.

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



Tell someone you trust. Tell lots of people.



Surrey Safeguarding Adults Board help to protect people from abuse.

- Report abuse by phoning: 0300 200 1005.
- In the evenings, and at night and weekends phone our Emergency Duty Team on: 01483 517898.
- In an emergency phone 999 for the Police.



If you know anything about a crime and do not want to give your name call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.



## Also see our eight Easy Read Crime Prevention Factsheets.



- Travelling safely
- Safety when out and about
- Protecting your home
- Visitors to your home
- Mate crime
- Internet and phone bullying
- Identity theft
- Keeping secrets

For more advice visit the Surrey Police website: [www.surrey.police.uk](http://www.surrey.police.uk)



If you are hard of hearing or speech impaired, textphone on 18001 101 (non-emergency) or 18000 (emergency) or text us on 07786 204020 or 999 (register at [www.emergencysms.org.uk](http://www.emergencysms.org.uk)).

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