

YOUR GUIDE TO

Reporting Hate Crime



What is hate crime?

An incident is deemed a hate crime when the perpetrator's actions are motivated by their own prejudice and hostility towards the victim's beliefs or characteristics.

Forms of hate crime

Hate crime is a criminal offence, and victims are targeted purely because of their:

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual orientation
- Transgender identity

Any crime can be prosecuted as a hate crime if it is proven that the offender showed hostility or was motivated by prejudice towards someone's race, religion, disability, sexual orientation, or transgender identity. Furthermore, an individual can be a victim of more than one type of hate crime within the same incident, or separately across multiple offences.

Hate crimes are usually directed at individual people, but sometimes whole communities can be targeted. Examples of this might include places of worship and public buildings being vandalised or covered in offensive graffiti.

Prosecuting hate crime in the courts

13,000 hate crime cases were taken to court in 2023 by the Crown Prosecution Service, with the defendant being found guilty in 85% of all cases.

The judge was able to increase the sentence in 79% of those cases because the judge agreed with the prosecution that the crime was a hate crime.

Examples of hate crime

- Verbal abuse
- Threatening behaviour
- Offensive graffiti
- Harassment
- Damage to property
- Malicious communications
- Cyber bullying

Reporting hate crime directly to Community Gateway Association (CGA)

CGA is a registered third-party Hate Crime Reporting Centre.

This means that, if you do not want to speak to the police about an incident that has affected you, it is fine to report it directly to CGA instead – we will pass on the details to the police.

Your details will be kept anonymous, and sometimes, where appropriate or necessary, CGA may even be able to attend court on your behalf.

How does CGA deal with tenants that are guilty of a hate crime?

We want all our homes and neighbourhoods to be filled with respectable, considerate tenants – therefore, there are certain types of people that don't fit into our picture of healthy, happy communities.

If the offenders are CGA tenants, we will take swift and appropriate action in accordance with our anti-social behaviour procedure. [Read more about this on our website here.](#)

Contact us today to report a hate crime

Every hate crime, no matter how big or small it seems, is always worth reporting.

Please reach out to our supportive and understanding staff by calling **0800 953 0213 (option 5)**.

You can also email us: tenancymanagement@communitygateway.co.uk.

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