
Hate crime

What is a hate crime?

A hate crime is any harmful behaviour, verbal, physical, or online, that targets a person because of characteristics like race, religion, nationality, disability, gender identity.

You have the right to be safe

It's not your fault if someone targets you for who you are. Reporting hate incidents will not affect your asylum case.

How to report a hate crime

- If you or someone else is in danger, call **999** immediately and ask for police
- To report non-emergencies to the police
 - Call the police on **101** .
 - Report it on-line to the police using True Vision, a secure national online reporting site (you don't need to visit a police station) : **Report-it.org.uk**
- To report a crime and get confidential support (if you don't want direct police contact), there are specialist charities that can help:
 - Stop Hate UK (24/7): 0800 138 1625, stophateuk.org
 - Victim Support: 0808 168 9111
 - Anti-Muslim Hatred : 0800 456 1226

Local Support in Rossendale

- Rossendale Police station. Bacup Rd, Waterfoot, Rawtenstall BB4 7JA You can go in person Monday-Friday 10-2.
Or you can leave an answerphone message service: **01706 237367**
- Rossendale Borough Council can help with some forms of hate incidents : **01796 217777 / asb@rossendalebc.gov.uk**
- Please also tell us at Rossendale Refugee Support Group (contact details at top of page)

What happens after you report to the police?

- You'll be given an incident reference number (keep it safe) .
- The police may take your statement and investigate if the incident is a criminal offence .
- You can ask for support from Victim Support or specialist charities (see above)

What you can do?

- If you experience hate crime, report it by phone, online, or via a trusted agency. (See above)
- Keep records: date, place, what happened, witnesses.
- Use local Council or other support services. You do not have to face these situations alone.

Reporting helps create a safer community for everyone