

Stop



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Hate crime is any crime against a person or their property. When the person committing the crime has a hatred of someone because of:

Disability	Religion	Where They Come From	Sexual Orientation	Transgender

All Hate Crime is Wrong and Against the Law



Disability Hate Crime is a crime that happens to someone because of disability. Police Scotland would like people to report crimes that happen to them.

Everyone has the right to live safely and without fear.

Disability Hate Crime is a crime that happens to someone because of their disability. It could be someone who



damages your belongings or house. They might break a window or steal your things.



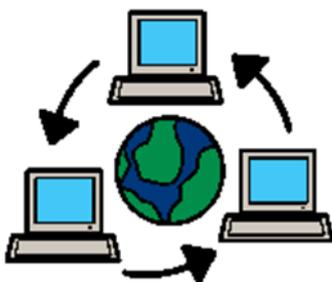
is hurting you. They might hit, punch or kick you.



calls you nasty names and says horrible things to you.



sends you nasty text messages or letters, or makes nasty phone calls.



pretends to be your friend online. They may ask you to do things you don't like.

How to report a Disability Hate Crime



Phone 999 if it is an **emergency** and you need help straight away.

Or 101 to talk to a police officer.



Go to the Police station.



Use a Third Party Reporting Centre.

These are at your local council office.

There is a person there who can help you report a crime.



On line at the Police Scotland website
www.scotland.police.uk/hate-crime/



You can ask someone you trust to help you.

This might be a family member, friend, carer, support worker or social worker.

Things you can do :



Write down what happened or ask someone else to write it for you, as soon as you can. Then report the crime. You might remember more straight away.



Try to give the Police as much information as you can about the crime. For example describe the person or their car.

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We all have the right to live our lives. Challenging Hate Crime can stop it happening to someone else.

For more Information Contact

Victim Support Scotland

01896 757512

Scottish help line: 08081689111

Scottish Borders

Learning Disability Service

01896 840200


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The police can be contacted by calling 101 or 999 in an emergency