

For a Safer RCT

SAY **NO** TO
HATE CRIME

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A guide to dealing with
HATE CRIME

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
AND SOUTH WALES POLICE
KEEPING RHONDDA CYNON TAF SAFE



Rhondda Cynon Taf
Community Safety Partnership
Partneriaeth Diogelwch Cymunedol



STRONG HERITAGE | STRONG FUTURE
RHONDDA CYNON TAF
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Our aim is to ensure that "everyone feels safe and confident, irrespective of disability, gender identity, race, religion or belief and sexual orientation"

What is Hate Crime?

A Hate Crime is defined as a criminal offence which is perceived, by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's actual or perceived disability, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation and transgender.

What is a Hate Incident?

A Hate Incident is defined as any non-crime incident which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person's actual or perceived disability, race, religion and belief, sexual orientation and transgender.

Tackling hate crime is a high priority for Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council Community Safety Team and South Wales Police.

We believe that by taking robust action against perpetrators, supporting the needs of victims and working in partnership with external agencies we can make the lives of those suffering hate crimes safer. We achieve this by also protecting their families, their communities and preventing re-victimisation.

If you think you have been affected by hate crime, then let us help you. We will offer you support and give you practical assistance and advice to help you tackle your concerns.

**To report a Hate Crime or
Hate Incident**

CALL 101 FOR NON - EMERGENCIES

CALL 999 FOR EMERGENCIES

Why should you report a Hate Crime or Hate Incident?

Hate crime hurts us all. It strikes at the heart of our communities. We care about protecting the people who live in our communities. We are here to help anyone who has been affected by someone else's prejudice, ignorance or violence.

With support from specially trained staff we will do all we can to help you.

It's not always easy to know if what has happened to you is a crime.

If you think you have been a victim of a hate crime, even if you're not sure, please ask us.

It is our job to identify what has happened and make sure that appropriate action is taken.

We will stay in touch with you and see you through the whole investigation, from start to finish.

Find help for you

With your consent, we can put you in touch with other support organisations that understand your specific needs.

Protect you

If appropriate we will take enforcement action to protect you from further harm. In all cases we will take your wishes into account and we will update you on actions taken every step of the way.

Give you guidance

We will talk you through all of the hate crime process so that you know what you are being asked to do and why. For example, we may want you to give a statement explaining what happened and if you have to go to court, we can explain the court process to you and let you know what will be expected of you.

How to report a Hate Crime or Hate Incident?

**If you have experienced a Hate Crime or
Hate Incident you can report it by calling:**

**101 for non – emergencies
999 for emergencies**

Alternatively you can call:

Victim Support on 0300 3031982

**ALL calls are treated confidentially
and you can remain anonymous.**

Third Party Reporting?

You can also report a hate crime or hate incident even if it wasn't directed at you. For example, you could be a friend, neighbour, family member, support worker or simply a passer-by. Some victims and witnesses do not feel comfortable reporting directly to the Police and may feel more comfortable reporting to someone more familiar to them, such as their local housing officer or by calling the Victim Support number above.

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