

VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME CHECKLIST

Call 911 and Report the Crime:

- You do not need to determine if the incident rises to the level of a crime. Report all incidents, regardless of whether you are physically injured. For an ongoing emergency, call 911. For non-emergencies, call SDPD at (619) 531-2000 or SDSO at 858-565-5200.
- You can also ask the responding officer for an emergency protective order against the perpetrator, if needed.
- Get medical help, if necessary.

Record What Happened:

- Write down as many facts about the incident as you can remember as close to the time of the incident as possible:
 - Include any threats or biased comments (ex. racist or homophobic slurs) that were made by the perpetrator before, during, or after the incident and the frequency those comments were made.
 - Also include the perpetrator[s] gender, age, height, race, weight, clothing, and other distinguishing characteristics in the report.
 - After making your own record of what happened, make sure to provide a copy to the investigating law enforcement agency.

Save All Evidence:

- **Do not clean, repair, or move anything** near the crime scene or any pieces of evidence until it has been properly documented and memorialized.
- Take pictures of any physical injuries or damages to property, even if police already did so.
- If anyone was with you or saw what happened, get their name and contact information if possible and provide that information to the police.

Follow Up:

- Get the responding officer's name and badge number.
- Make sure the officer files an incident report form and assigns a case number.
 - If a police report is not taken at the time of your report, go to the police station and ask for one.
 - If you believe the incident was bias-motivated, urge the officer to check the "hate/bias-motivation" or "hate crime/incident" box on the police report.
- Review your statement in the police report and make sure it's accurate.
- Learn the name of the assigned detective on your case. If there are any inaccuracies in your original statement in the police report, go over them with the assigned detective.

Find Support:

- Contact trusted friends and family and inform them of what happened.
- Seek a therapist or victim advocate to assist with the emotional aspects of the attack.
- Find resources within the community.



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