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Civil Rights Division

Reporting Hate Crimes & Hate Incidents

If you believe you have experienced or witnessed a hate crime or hate incident:

Dial 9-1-1 or call your local police to report the hate crime or hate incident.

Report the hate crime to the FBI.

- Online: [tips.FBI.gov](https://tips.fbi.gov).
- Phone: 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324).

Report hate incidents to the Civil Rights Division at civilrights.justice.gov.

***Note:** Law enforcement officers may reach out for more information.*

While not every hate incident involves a crime, it is always important to report.

Hate crimes – At the federal level, a crime motivated by bias against race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.

Hate incidents – Acts of prejudice that are not crimes and do not involve violence, threats, or property damage. Some hate incidents may be unlawful discrimination.



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Additional Resources

Finding Help for Victims of Hate

The VictimConnect Resource Center helps victims of crimes, including hate crimes, find local support services.

Call 1-855-484-2846 or use chat at

<https://victimconnect.org/learn/types-of-crime/hate-crimes/>.

Proactive Steps to Protect Communities

- Develop a **written emergency response plan** for threats and refresh employee training. See <https://www.ready.gov/business/implementation/emergency>.
- **Keep bomb threat/personal threat checklists** by each telephone and ensure staff is familiar with the forms, see <https://www.cisa.gov/publication/dhs-bomb-threat-checklist>.
- Ask local police and/or U.S. Marshal Service to **evaluate your emergency response plan**.
- For **additional safety measures** that can be taken by businesses, at home, in vehicles, and on public transportation, see <https://www.justice.gov/crt/security-recommendations-enhance-safety-and-protection-providers>.