



One Minute Guide (Hate Crimes & Incidents)

Understanding what a hate crime is, and why and who you should report it to.

Responding to Hate – The Hate Crime Strategy for Leeds

Leeds thrives because of the rich co-existence of people of different backgrounds, characteristics, faiths and ethnicities. It is a rich co-existence that we must treasure and strive to protect.

Partner agencies across Leeds have signed up to the strategy, pledging to work together to prevent hate crime, increase public confidence to report hate crime and improve the response of agencies charged with tackling hate crime

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What is Hate?

A hate crime or incident occurs when it is **perceived by the victim or any other person**, to have been motivated by a hostility or prejudice towards a person's;

- Disability
- Gender Identity (Transphobic)
- Race, Ethnicity, Nationality
- Religion, Faith or Belief
- Sexual Orientation

A hate crime or incident can take many forms including verbal abuse, physical assault, harassment, intimidation, damage to property, theft of property, and behaviour intended to exclude.

Why should it be reported?

Hate crimes and incidents hurt. They can have devastating consequences for victims and their families, and can frighten and divide communities.

By reporting incidents, you will enable the police, local councils, housing associations etc. to build up patterns of behaviour locally, and highlight areas of concern within your community.

By reporting incidents when they happen to you, you can get the support you need and ensure that offenders are brought to justice. This could also prevent other incidents happening to someone else.

Who can I report to?



LASBT

Leeds Anti Social Behaviour Team



You can make a report in person at any Police Station or by telephoning West Yorkshire Police on 101 or In an Emergency 999

Contacting Leeds Anti-Social Behaviour Team on the ASB Hotline 0113 222 4402 or via email at - LASBT@leeds.gov.uk

In person at any Council Office, Hate Incident Reporting Centre or Council One Stop Centre

Contact Stop Hate UK on 0800 138 1625 By text: 07717 989025 or via talk@stophateuk.org or by downloading the Stop Hate UK APP