The Importance of Reporting

You can find statistical information about crimes in New York State, including hate crimes, at criminaljustice.ny.gov/crimnet/ojsa/stats.htm. Note that these hate crime statistics may underrepresent the true prevalence of such crimes because not all victims report to law enforcement. The National Institute of Justice estimates that **just 1 in 31 hate crimes are captured in federal reports.[3]**

People may be less likely to report due to a variety of reasons, including language barriers or a lack of trust or comfort in government or other institutions. Additionally, there are many bias incidents, such as verbal harassment, that may not meet the legal definition of a hate crime but still cause harm and intimidation for individuals and communities.

Through the No Hate NYS initiative, we collect information from the public about bias incidents throughout New York State, even if they may not constitute hate crimes, in order to better understand the true scope of hate and bias in New York State.

Identifying Hate Crimes, Bias Incidents, and Discrimination

- **Hate Crime:** a criminal offense that is motivated by bias.[2]
- **Bias Incident:** acts of hostility motivated by prejudice that do not involve criminal behavior.[3]
- **Discrimination:** unfair or unequal treatment of a person due to their identity.

A Crime + Motivation for committing the crime based on bias = Hate Crime

Tips for Reporting

Get the officer's name and badge number.

Make sure the officer files an incident report form and assigns a case number.

Get a copy of the report for your records.

If you believe the incident was bias-motivated, encourage the officer to note this on the report.

What if I Do Not Want to Call the Police?

- **Document** the incident(s) for your records.
- **Report** the incident to the **New York State Division of Human Rights** Hate and Bias Prevention Unit Hotline at (844)-NO-2-HATE (844-662-4283) or submit an online incident report.
- **Get support!** See our directory of resources and services here.

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[1] National Institute of Justice, "Using Research to Improve Hate Crime Reporting and Identification." Sept. 14, 2023, https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/using-research-improve-hate-crime-reporting-and-identification.

[2] https://www.nysenate.gov/legislation/laws/PEN/485.05

[3] https://www.nyc.gov/assets/cchr/downloads/pdf/materials/OPHC_WhatIsAHateCrime_FINAL.pdf

How Do I Report a Hate Crime, Bias Incident or Discrimination?

IS THIS AN EMERGENCY?

→ **YES** → **DIAL 911**

NO

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DISCRIMINATION?

→ **FILE A DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT**

NYS Division of Human Rights

https://dhr.ny.gov/complaint

Questions? (888) 392-3644

→ **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- The Division of Human Rights will investigate and may present the case in a public hearing.
- If a violation of the New York State Human Rights Law is found, remedies can include civil fines and penalties, changes in policies and practices, education and training, damages for victims, and more.

BIAS INCIDENT?

→ **REPORT TO HATE AND BIAS RESPONSE TEAM**

NYS Division of Human Rights

(844) NO-2-HATE (844-662-4283)

Submit Online: www.dhr.ny/nohate

→ **WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?**

- The Response Team will document the incident for anonymous reporting, and connect you with resources and referrals, or engage with community partners to provide conflict resolution, restorative justice, or advocacy.

All services are voluntary and confidential

HATE CRIME?

→ **CONTACT LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT** or **YOUR POLICE PRECINCT**

→ **FOLLOW-UP ON THE POLICE REPORT**

Report hate crimes to the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

www.tips.FBI.gov

(800) CALL-FBI or find your local FBI field office here.

If you don't want to contact local law enforcement, you may contact the FBI directly.

NOT SURE WHO TO CALL?

(844) NO-2-HATE can help you find the right resource!