

# HATE CRIME

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### What is Hate Crime?

Scots Law defines a Hate Crime as a crime committed against a person or property that is motivated by 'malice or ill-will towards an identifiable social group'. If you have been the victim of a crime and you believe you have been targeted because of the perception that you belong to one of the 'social groups' listed below, then it is likely you have been the victim of a Hate Crime.

**The 'social groups', or categories, to which the term 'Hate Crime' can be applied in the Courts are:**

- race
- religion
- sexual orientation
- transgender identity
- disability

**Hate Crime can take a number of forms, including, but not limited to:**

- physical assault
- criminal damage to property eg. graffiti, arson, vandalism
- intimidating or threatening behaviour including obscene calls or gestures
- offensive literature such as letters, leaflets, posters
- verbal abuse or insults including name-calling or offensive 'jokes'
- emotional and psychological abuse
- bullying
- murder

### What to do if you experience or witness a 'Hate Crime' incident:

If you experience or witness a Hate Crime incident, no matter how trivial or unimportant you may think it is, your complaint will be taken seriously. Report the incident to the police -

- in person, by telephone or letter
- through the on-line crime reporting facility available on Strathclyde Police website.
- through a Third Party Reporting Centre\*

**REMEMBER – ALWAYS CALL THE POLICE ON 999 IF YOU NEED IMMEDIATE HELP.**

### What is Third Party Reporting?

Many people, for various reasons, are reluctant to report crime directly to the police. Third party reporting is an important way to overcome this. Third Party Reporting Centres are agencies which have agreed to take on the role of third party reporting in addition to the services which they normally provide.

Reports of hate crime can be made, by victims and/or witnesses, to any third party reporting centre in Glasgow. They will pass the information to the police on your behalf only with your consent. The police are then required to act on this as if they had received the report directly from you. Your report will be in confidence and you can give as much or as little personal information as you wish. These centres have received appropriate training and can also provide you with any additional support or advice required.

To locate a Third Party Reporting Centre near you, or one which is particularly relevant to your concerns, please see the reverse side of this leaflet.

### How do I report to the police online?

Sometimes people feel sufficiently confident to report directly to the police but may not want to go to a police office or have a police officer visit them. The on-line crime reporting facility allows you to make a direct and confidential report to the police. The report can be entirely anonymous if you wish, although this may make police investigation more difficult. To report on-line visit [www.strathclyde.police.uk](http://www.strathclyde.police.uk) and click on **Report a Crime** and then click on **Hate Crime**.

### Why report a Hate Crime?

There are a number of reasons why reporting Hate Crime is important:

- if you are a victim you can receive appropriate support and advice
- you will help the police to build a picture of the nature and extent of Hate Crime in your community and in Glasgow
- you will help to raise awareness of the issue and lead to a change in attitudes
- your information could lead to an arrest and conviction

# HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRES

## **Amina**

Network House  
311 Calder Street  
Glasgow, G42 7NQ  
0141 585 8026

## **YMCA Glasgow**

Y Work with Refugees  
33 Petershill Drive  
Glasgow, G21 4QQ  
0141 557 6105

## **Positive Action in Housing**

98 West George Street  
Glasgow, G2 1PJ  
0141 353 2220

## **West of Scotland Regional Equality Council**

39 Napiershall Street  
Glasgow, G20 6EZ  
0141 337 6626

## **Ethnic Minorities Law Centre**

41 St Vincent Place  
Glasgow, G1 2ER  
0141 204 2888

## **Ethnic Enable**

39 Napiershall Street  
Glasgow, G20 6EZ  
0141 334 2277

## **Scottish Refugee Council**

5 Cadogan Square  
Glasgow, G2 7PH  
0141 248 9799

## **Glasgow Asylum Seeker Support Project**

101 Portman Street  
Glasgow, G41 1EJ  
0141 222 7300

## **United Kingdom Borders Agency**

Festival Court  
200 Brand Street  
Glasgow  
0141 555 1525

## **The Well Asian Advice Centre**

48/50 Albert Road  
Queens Park  
Glasgow, G42 8DN  
0141 222 7364

## **Victim Support Scotland**

10 Jocelyn Square  
Glasgow, G1 5JU  
0141 553 1726

## **Kingsway Court Health and Wellbeing Centre**

Block 50 Kingsway Court,  
Scotstoun, Glasgow, G14 9SR  
0141 959 0129

## **LGBT Youth Scotland**

38 Queen Street  
Glasgow, G1 3DX  
0141 548 8121

## **Glasgow Women's Library**

81 Parnie Street  
Glasgow, G1 5RH  
0141 552 8345

## **Open Road Project**

West Street Centre  
123 West Street  
Glasgow, G5 8BA  
0141 420 7284

## **Govanhill Housing Association**

Samaritan House,  
79 Coplaw Street  
Glasgow, G42 7JG  
0141 636 3626

## **Southside Housing Association**

511 Shields Road  
Pollokshields  
Glasgow, G41 2RW  
0141 422 1112

## **Glasgow Housing Association**

Rosemont Work Space, Unit W5  
141 Charles Street  
Glasgow, G21 2QA  
0141 274 7300

## **British Deaf Association (Scotland)**

1st Floor, Central Chambers  
Suite 58, 93, Hope Street  
Glasgow, G2 6LD  
0141 248 5554  
(Tuesday and Thursday, 10am – 4pm)

## **Glasgow Campaign to Welcome Asylum Seekers**

52, St Enoch Square,  
Glasgow  
0141 286 6320

## **Say Women**

Glasgow  
0141 552 5803

## **Social Work Department**

Merryland Street,  
Glasgow  
0141 445 3178

## **The Steve Retson Project**

Sandyford Centre  
2-6 Sandyford Place  
Glasgow, G3 7NB  
0141 211 8628

## **Strathclyde Lesbian and Gay Switchboard**

0141 847 0647

## **Terrence Higgins Trust**

134 Douglas Street  
Glasgow, G2 4HF  
0141 332 3838

## **Victim Support**

Glasgow  
0141 553 2415