



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

For more information Search on line at www.leeds.gov.uk/c/Pages/saferleeds

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I make a report anonymously?

Yes. We would encourage victims to give us their full details as this allows us to give the best service to resolve the problems, but reports can be anonymous.

Can anyone report a hate incident?

Yes. Anyone can report a hate incident. We encourage you to report any hate incident that you have experienced or witnessed. We will believe you and make sure that the report goes to the appropriate agency to deal with. You do not have to be a council tenant to report a hate incident. All residents can report a hate incident at any office across the city.

I am a member of staff, can I make a report?

Yes. Hate incidents can happen anywhere to anyone. You have a right to be treated fairly at work and we will work with you to stop the behaviour.

The incident was only verbal abuse, should I report it?

Yes. Reporting hate incidents can prevent more serious things from occurring. We will respond to hate incidents in a proportionate manner. Somebody else might also be suffering and your information might give us the clue we need to identify the perpetrator.

Where does my report go?

When you report at a hate incident reporting centre, you will have access to a multi-agency process that works to support all victims of hate incidents. To get the best service, you can choose to send your report to West Yorkshire Police, Leeds City Council and Victim Support.

What can you do to help me?

The multi-agency approach means that the agencies will work together to take action to stop the abuse and give you support. With your consent, the agencies can prosecute the perpetrator or take other appropriate action. We work with you to stop the abuse and repair the harm.

What if I only want the police to know?

You can always report the incident to the police. The police have dedicated hate crime co-ordinators who can support victims of hate crime to access support and understand the options available. They do not wear uniforms and can meet you in a place you feel safe. If for any reason you are not able to approach the police, then report the incident through a Hate Incident Reporting Centre.

Can I report to an independent 3rd Party?

Yes. For 24 hour support or access to reporting in 47 different languages, contact :

STOP HATE CRIME
0800 138 1625
24 HOUR HELP LINE®

Hate Incident Reporting Form – “Tell us what happened....”



What is a hate incident?

Any behaviour that the victim, or any other person, believes to be motivated by prejudice or hostility towards a person because of real or perceived race, religion, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. Perception - if anyone thinks it is, then it is! You can't be wrong when recording a hate incident. All hate incidents must be recorded and monitored.

Your Name:	Date of birth:
Ethnicity:	Gender:
Address:	
Email:	
Tel No:	Today's date

When did it happen? Date and time of incident

Where did it happen? What was the location of incident – street address, on a bus, etc. – be specific.

What happened? Please describe the incident

Verbal Abuse? Physical Abuse? Damage to property? Weapons used? Any Injuries?
Please give as much detail about what happened below;

Who was involved? Can you name the perpetrators (if unknown- give descriptions –age, height, skin colour, hair colour, build, distinguishing features, accent?)

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Why do you feel you were victimised? (Choose all that apply & specify if possible)

The victim or reporting person believe the incident/crime was motivated by a prejudice or hostility of their:

Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Gender Identity	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Race, Ethnicity or Nationality	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Religion, Faith or Belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sexual Orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Other (define)	<input type="checkbox"/>	

Has this happened before?

Yes

No

If you have reported this to anyone else? (Please give details)

Does you give consent to share information with: (Choose all that apply)

West Yorkshire Police

Yes

No

Victim Support

Yes

No

Leeds City Council

Yes

No

How is information provided used? Please advise the reporting person:

All hate incidents must be recorded and where consent given, sent to West Yorkshire Police. A copy of all 3rd party reports will be centrally recorded by Safer Leeds. Where consent is given to share information with partners, the incident may be discussed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences to improve services and access to support for victims. Your personal details will remain confidential and no action will be taken without speaking to you first. You will be given a copy of your report if you request one.

How do you wish to make the report: Choose one option

<p>‘For information only’ Information will be recorded only. All information is used for recording and monitoring of hate incidents. Victim will not be contacted by agencies.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>‘For action and response’ Information will be recorded, customer will receive a call from Police &/or Council to discuss what happens next and what support can be offered.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Do you have any additional needs or special requirements?

Are there any language, communication, or literacy difficulties we need to be aware of? Does the victim have a preferred method of contact (Email/Telephone/via support worker etc.)? Is the victim feeling vulnerable because of the incident and require advice on additional support? Please provide details.

Continuation/additional comments

Please include any further details below including comments where you have challenged and resolved the incident on site, please give details below.

For matters where further investigation is requested please include any additional information you feel would be relevant to the investigating officer.

Please return the completed form

By email to LASBT@leeds.gov.uk

By post to **Safer Leeds (LASBT) 3rd Floor, 2 Great George Street, Leeds LS2 8BA**

Or hand in to any Leeds City Council Housing Office or one stop centre.

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