

When You Reach Out

The Hotline can help you:

- Understand the difference between a hate crime and a bias incident
- Learn what options and resources are available
- Connect with victim-centered, culturally competent, and trauma-informed services in your area

You may contact the Hotline whether you experienced the act directly or witnessed it.

About the Hate Crimes & Bias Incidents Hotline

The Hotline is a non-emergency information and referral point to help individuals affected by hate crimes and bias incidents access support. The Hotline is available in multiple languages, and is confidential. The Hotline only contacts law enforcement when you want and with your consent.

How to Report



855-225-1010

atg.wa.gov/report-hate



You will be connected with someone who speaks your language.



Washington State Hate Crimes
& Bias Incidents Hotline

Report Hate. Get Support.

Hate and bias have real impacts on individuals, families, and communities. The Washington State Hate Crimes & Bias Incidents Hotline is here to support anyone who has experienced or witnessed an act of hate.

The Hotline provides **free, confidential** help statewide. You do not need to know whether what happened was a crime. We will help you understand your options.

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What Is a Hate Crime?

In Washington, a hate crime can be one of several things. It can be **malicious and intentional assault, property damage, or a threat of assault or property damage** against another person.

A hate crime is perpetrated because of that person's perceived or actual:

- Race
- Color
- Religion
- Ancestry
- National origin
- Gender
- Sexual orientation
- Gender expression or identity
- Mental, physical, or sensory disability

Hate crimes are felonies in Washington (RCW 9A.36.080).

What Is a Bias Incident?

A bias incident is a **hostile expression of animus** toward another person based on their perceived or actual:

- Race
- Color
- Creed or religion
- Ancestry
- National origin
- Citizenship or immigration status
- Sex
- Honorably discharged veteran or military status
- Sexual orientation
- Gender expression or identity
- Sensory, mental, or physical disability
- Use of a trained dog guide or service animal

A bias incident does not rise to the level of a crime.

Examples include:

- Using insulting language based on perceived characteristics.
- Creating racist or insulting images or drawings.
- Mocking someone's disability, cultural norms, or practices.