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Hate crime and harassment

Being different is not a crime



Wiltshire Council
Where everybody matters

Being different is not a crime

Hate crime or harassment can affect people from all walks of life, and comes in many different forms. It may be directed at people who appear different because of their skin colour, gender, religion, language or culture, disability, age, sexuality, ethnic origin, class, political affiliation, or other reasons. It can be verbal abuse, bullying or assault.

Hate crime or harassment hurts, and is illegal. It can be confusing and frightening. By reporting it you will get help, and you may be able to prevent crimes from happening to someone else. We all have a right to live our lives in peace and dignity, at home or on the street.

What to do if you suffer hate crime or harassment

Don't suffer in silence – tell someone.

If you are affected by hate crime or harassment please report it to the police. The police want to stop all hate crime. In serious cases please dial 999, or if it is less urgent use the main police number for Wiltshire which is **0845 408 7000**.

If you are a tenant of the council, or the perpetrator is a tenant – please also contact the neighbourhood manager by phoning **01722 336272**. The council treats hate crime as a serious breach of tenancy conditions.

The police and the council treat hate crime or harassment as a priority.

Useful contacts

Wiltshire Police

Tel: **0845 408 7000** or in emergency dial 999

Victim Support

Tel: **0845 30 30 900** or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk

Childline

Tel: **0800 1111**

24 hour NSPCC Helpline

Tel: **0808 800 5000**

The Samaritans

Tel: **08457 90 90 90**

24 hour National Domestic Violence Helpline

Tel: **0808 2000 247**

Crimestoppers

Tel: **0800 555 111**

Refugee Council

Tel: **020 7346 6700**

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Tel: **0300 456 0100**

