

ADDITIONAL HATE CRIME INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Translations of this guide, further information on hate crimes, and links to additional resources and groups providing assistance to victims of hate can be accessed by visiting:

<https://lasd.org/transparency/hatecrime/>

Or by utilizing the following QR code:



LA VS HATE

LA vs Hate, the Los Angeles County Human Relations Commission's initiative to help combat hate in Los Angeles County, can provide free assistance to victims of hate crimes and hate incidents. LA vs Hate can also provide follow-up support, referrals, and advocacy from trained Care Coordinators to victims of hate crimes and hate incidents.

You can also anonymously report a hate crime or hate incident to LA vs Hate.



LA vs Hate via 211 LA County

Dial 2-1-1 on any phone
in Los Angeles County
211LA.org

WAYS TO REPORT HATE

If you believe you are the victim of a hate crime or a hate incident, contact your local Sheriff's Station or Police Department immediately

In the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1

Victims of hate crimes and hate incidents can also anonymously report them to Crime Stoppers Los Angeles.



Crime Stoppers Los Angeles
1-800-222-TIPS (8477)
www.lacrimestoppers.org

**To Contact an LASD
Hate Crime Coordinator:**
hatecrimes@lasd.org



**Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department**
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department
211 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
213-229-1700
www.lasd.org

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HATE CRIMES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

In California, you may be the victim of a hate crime if you are targeted because of your race, ethnicity, nationality, religion, gender, sexual orientation, physical or mental disability, or if you are targeted because you are associated with a person or group with one or more of these “real” or “perceived” protected characteristics.

HATE CRIMES AND HATE INCIDENTS

The Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department accepts and documents reports for Hate Crimes and non-criminal Hate Incidents.

A hate crime is an actual or attempted criminal act committed against a victim or the property of a victim because the victim is perceived to possess a protected characteristic.

A hate incident is a non-criminal act directed at a person(s) and motivated by bias against a person, group, or place due to a protected characteristic that person is perceived to possess. A hate incident is an action or behavior motivated by hate but legally protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. Examples of a hate incident can include hate speech or distribution of hate materials in a public place.

If you are unsure whether you are the victim of a hate crime or a hate incident, contact law enforcement professionals who will assist you in making that determination.

HATE CRIME VICTIM RESPONSE

If you believe you are the victim of a hate crime or hate incident:

- Contact your local Sheriff’s Station or Police Department immediately
- If it is an emergency, call 9-1-1 immediately
- Obtain medical attention (if needed)
- Document any details about the incident which may be helpful to the responding Deputies
- Maintain any evidence (e.g., graffiti, writings, photographs of the suspect(s) and their vehicles, etc.) and alert Deputies to it
- Obtain the name(s) and contact information of any other victims and/or witnesses

REPORTING HATE CRIMES AND HATE INCIDENTS

To assist in documenting a hate related incident on a report, be prepared to provide the following information to responding Deputies:

- Where did the incident occur?
- What happened? Describe the incident in detail to Deputies
- Was any hate speech used towards you or others before, during, or after the hate act was committed?
- Who committed a hate act against you? If you know or saw the person who committed the hate act against you, describe the suspect as best as possible
- Provide Deputies with any video footage or pictures you have of the incident, or of any damage sustained as a result of the incident
- Let Deputies know if you would like to remain anonymous on your report

SERVICES AVAILABLE TO HATE CRIME VICTIMS

You have certain rights under the California Constitution’s Victim Bill of Rights. You may be entitled to information about the prosecution of the perpetrator, and you have the right to present a victim-impact statement at the time of sentencing.

You may be entitled to restitution for any loss, damage, or injury that you may incur.

You are also protected under the Ralph Act and the Bane Act. Under these laws, a court may award money to you. The court may require the person who has violated your rights to pay a civil penalty (\$25,000) to you, money to compensate you for the actual harm you have suffered, and/or an additional amount of money designated to punish that person and to deter future violations of these laws.

The court may also issue a restraining order or other injunctive order to protect you from further harm, and may order the person who has harmed you to pay your attorney’s fees if you have hired an attorney.

HATE CRIME VICTIM RESOURCES

LA vs Hate

2-1-1 on any phone in Los Angeles County

CA vs Hate

833-866-4283

CA Victims of Crime Resource Center

800-842-8467

CA Victim Compensation Board

800-777-9229

LA County District Attorney’s Office

Bureau of Victim Services

800-380-3811