



Prevention Tips

- Always let someone know where you are going
- Stay alert of your surroundings
- Carry ID
- Familiarize yourself with neighborhood landmarks: Market, Police Stations, Fire Department, Gas Station, Restaurant
- Carry personal alarm, whistle, and/or flashlights
- Look confident and purposeful in your walk
- Do not walk alone at night. If you are walking alone at night, choose busy, well-lit streets

Report a crime right away

PERPETRATOR DETAILS

Age: _____

Gender: _____

Ethnicity: _____

Eye color: _____

Hair color/style: _____

Clothing: _____

Weight: _____

Facial Hair: _____



Reporting a Hate Crime

New Jersey

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**Division of Criminal Justice
Headquarters**
609-984-6500

DCJ Report a crime
800-277-2427

DCJ Report a bias crime
800-277-BIAS (2427)

**Office of Bias Crimes and Community
Relations**
609-896-8967



EVENT DETAILS

Date: _____

Time: _____

Location: _____

Witness Name and Telephone: _____

Description of incident: _____

What is a Hate Crime?

Hate crimes are any crimes motivated by a bias or prejudice against a particular race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, age, or gender. According to the NJ Bias Incident Offense Report, a hate crime may include (but are not limited to):

- harassment
- injury
- displaying hate material on your property or public places
- threats or intimidation
- physical attacks such as hitting, punching, pushing, spitting.



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! NJ Penal Codes*

- 1. BIAS INTIMIDATION** (Section 2C:16-1) Bias intimidation is a crime in which a person commits or attempts to commit an offense with a purpose to intimidate an individual or group of individuals because of race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity.
- 2. ASSAULT** (Section 2C:12-1): A person is guilty of assault if they purposefully, knowingly, or recklessly attempt to cause bodily injury to another with or without a deadly weapon or physical menace.
- 3. HARASSMENT** (Section 2C:33-4): A person is guilty of harassment if they convey offensively coarse language or subjects another to striking, kicking, shoving, or other offensive touching, or threatens to do so...

*Simplified and shortened

What to do during a hate crime?

- Trust your instincts.
- Walk away ASAP to get out of the situation as fast as you can.
- Don't engage in a verbal argument, as that will further anger the perpetrator.
- Engage bystanders. Tell them what's going on and ask them for help.
- Take out your phone and start taking pictures or a video of the perpetrator.
- If you are physically attacked
 - Scream "HELP" or blow whistle.
 - Call 9-1-1



Why is it important to report hate crimes?

- No report=no crime
- Victim, family, and friends of victims suffer personal, financial, emotional loss
- By reporting hate crimes, you protect yourself and others from future incidents
- Encourages law enforcement and public to acknowledge issue and put more resources towards preventing hate crimes



What to do after a hate crime?

- Write down what you remember about the perpetrator or event: gender, age, eye color, hair clothing, date, time, location
- Call 800-277-BIAS (2427) to report a hate crime
- Fill out this online web portal:
<https://www.nj.gov/oag/bias/report-bias.html>

