



Reporting hate crimes and bias-related incidents is essential in preventing future incidents and creating a safe, more inclusive community. Stand up against hate and bias by reporting any incidents you witness or experience.

Hate Crimes and Bias-related Incidents

BellevueWA.gov/hate-crimes-bias-related-incidents




UNITED AGAINST HATE:



"Hate Crimes are particularly dehumanizing as the perpetrator's bias against the victim is the reason for the crime, and it is unacceptable. We take seriously every report of a hate crime or bias-related incident and will fully investigate each case. We encourage anyone who believes they are a victim to please report it. This guide will help you through the process and provide additional resources."

–Chief Wendell Shirley
Bellevue Police

 For alternate formats, interpreters, or reasonable accommodation requests please phone at least 48 hours in advance 425-452-4129 (voice) or email mblack@bellevuewa.gov. For complaints regarding accommodations, contact City of Bellevue ADA/Title VI Administrator at 425-452-6168 (voice) or email ADATitleVI@bellevuewa.gov. If you are deaf or hard of hearing dial 711. All meetings are wheelchair accessible.

What is a Hate Crime?

RCW 9A.36.080

"A person is guilty of a hate crime if they maliciously and intentionally commit one of the acts listed below based on the attacker's perception of a victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, or mental, physical or sensory disability."

- Physical assault.
- Threats to a person or group of people that causes the victims to have "reasonable fear" that the attacker will cause physical injury or property damage.
- Damage or destruction of a victim's property.

What is a Bias-related Incident?

"Bias incidents are acts of prejudice not criminal in nature and not involving violence, threats or property damage. Threatening words do not constitute a hate crime if it is apparent to the victim that the person does not have the ability to carry out the threat. Bias incidents are still important to report. They negatively impact whole communities and deserve to be elevated and understood by the public." Bias incidents include:

- Yelling profanity and insults
- Distributing racist flyers in public places
- Displaying hateful materials on private property

Should I report it to the police?

Yes! If hate crimes are not reported, they will continue to occur. Reporting hate crimes holds perpetrators accountable for their behaviors. It plays a crucial role in preventing future incidents by sending a message that the behaviors are unacceptable and that the crimes will be investigated and not ignored.

What to do if you are a victim of a hate crime or bias incident

- Make sure you are safe. If you need to, move to a safe place.
- Call 911 to report it.
- Reach out for support from family, friends or agencies listed under Alternative Resources.

How to Report

REPORT CRIME ONLINE

Be prepared to give as much detail as possible about the incident, including your location, time of day, suspect details and a description of what happened.



- **Call 911** for immediate help if the crime or incident is in progress or you feel like you are in danger.
- **Report online** at bit.ly/3cEIlms or call the police non-emergency number (425) 577-5656 to report an incident that has already occurred.
- Contact one of the agencies listed below.

ALTERNATIVE REPORTING RESOURCES

Eastside For All
eastsideforall.org
info@eastsideforall.org

Chinese Information and Service Center
cisc-seattle.org

Muslim Community and Neighborhood Association
muslimcna.org

Immigrant Women's Community Center
cisc-seattle.org

Indian American Community Services
iacswa.org
ContactUs@iaww.org

4Tomorrow
4tomorrow.today
4tomorrow.today@gmail.com