

Let's talk about Hate Crime

What is a hate crime?



Any action that is against the law is considered a crime. It can include things like theft, fraud, arson, domestic abuse and other violent acts.



A **hate crime** is different from other types of crime because a person is targeted directly and on purpose because of their race, religion, sexuality, gender identity or disability.

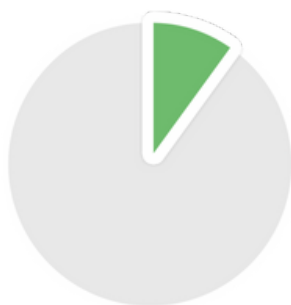


A **disability hate crime** is when someone treats you badly and does something to you that is against the law because you are disabled.

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Is there hate crime in Islington?



The Police record every incident of hate crime in every London borough.

In Islington, there were 866 incidents recorded in the last 12 months. Only 30 of them were disability-related.

This doesn't sound very many, but we know that there are many more that are not being recorded.

We need to find out why people aren't reporting disability hate crimes and help them to do so.

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How can we stop hate crime?



The reasons people give for not reporting hate crime include:

'I'm scared I will be ignored'

'I don't know how'

'I don't know who to tell'

'I don't know what will happen next'

'I don't think anything will be done about it'



The only way we can stop disability hate crime is to report it. But, it can feel scary to do this.



There are lots of ways to report a hate crime depending on what it is.

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Risk of immediate danger?

Call 999.



Have access to a computer or phone with internet?

Report online to Islington Council.



No access to a computer or phone with internet?

Call 101.



Want to report without giving your own details to anyone?

Call Crimestoppers on

0800 555 111.



Not sure if what happened was a hate crime?

Go to a police station.



Has it happened on a bus or a train?

Text the British Transport Police on 61016.

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What happens next?



You could tell your family or someone you trust so they can support you with reporting the hate crime. You could also ask for an advocate.



If police think they know who did the hate crime, they will charge the person. This is when police tell someone they have broken the law.



The police may not have enough evidence to do anything but it is still important to report it in case it happens again.



The most important thing is to keep yourself safe and ask for help whenever you need it. There are safe havens to go to across Islington.

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