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What is a Hate Crime?

Any crime becomes a hate crime when it is motivated by bias against an individual’s perceived race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity or disability.

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Why Report a Hate Crime?

The "Hate Crimes Reporting Gap" is the significant disparity between hate crimes that actually occur and those reported to law enforcement. It is critical to report hate crimes not only to show support and pursue justice for victims, but also to send a clear message that the community will not tolerate these kinds of crimes. Reporting hate crimes allows communities and law enforcement to identify the scope of the problem in a community and put resources toward preventing and addressing attacks based on bias and hate.