

What do the police mean by hate crime?

“Any criminal offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person, to be motivated by a hostility or prejudice based on a person’s race or perceived race; religion or perceived religion; sexual orientation or perceived sexual orientation; disability or perceived disability and any crime motivated by a prejudice or hostility to a person who is transgender or perceived to be transgender.”

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What is a hate incident?

“Any incident which is perceived to be hateful by the **victim** or **by any other person.**”



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Why are hate incidents taken more seriously?

The criminal courts have a duty to treat an offence **more seriously** when there is evidence that the accused person demonstrated **hostility because of the victim's race, sexuality etc.**

The court must therefore give the accused a longer sentence.

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REAL STORIES – Video 3 (Sport)

- How do the boys treat Luke when he goes into the changing room?
- What did they tell him to do? Was it appropriate?
- Would people feel comfortable about being in this changing room?



TAKE ACTION: Don't be a bystander!

- What are the roles that each of the following people have in a hate crime incident?

Target – Victim

Perpetrator - Accused

Henchperson – Accused

Bystander – Witness and possibly joint enterprise.

Upstander – Witness.

