

# Your Guide TO REPORTING Hate Crime



see it . hear it . report it . stop it .

## What is hate crime and harassment?

Crime or harassment which may be motivated by malice or ill will towards a social group. This viewpoint can come from the victim or any other person.

Hate crime and harassment can be based on any characteristic. This may include: Race, faith, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender or age.

## Forms of harassment can include:

**VISUAL** for example, leaflets, text messages and posters

**VERBAL** such as abuse and intimidation

**PROPERTY** for example graffiti and damage

**PHYSICAL** for example hitting and assaults

If you see or suffer from such an incident, including racist, homophobic or because of someone's disability, help is at hand to report it.

## Why report harassment?

For your own personal safety

To help others who may be victims

To inform services on where and how to take action



## Crimes should always be reported to the police in an emergency call 999

Incidents in Dorset can be reported to the police anonymously on **01305 222 222** or **01202 222 222** or Crimestoppers on **0800 555 111** If you would prefer not to notify the police then you can report incidents directly to any of the services overleaf.

## Anonymous reporting

Remember, you can report an incident anonymously, even if you are a witness.

Even if you feel that the incident is not important, your report may help to stop problems getting worse or happening to other people as well.

[www.dorsetforyou.com/communitysafety](http://www.dorsetforyou.com/communitysafety)



## General support for victims of hate crime and harassment

**Dorset Race Equality Council** is an independent charity that provides help and support to victims of discrimination and harassment. This service is free and confidential.

t. **01202 553 003**

e. **enquiries@dorsetrec.org.uk**  
BME/Faith Helpline. **01305 266 633**

**Dorset Advocacy** is an independent charity working with people across the range of learning disabilities offering support, advice and a chance to influence service provision.

t. **01305 251 033**

w. **www.dorsetadvocacy.co.uk**

**Intercom Trust** is an independent charity that provides support and advocacy to lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans communities in the South West for people who encounter trans or homophobic crime, prejudice or discrimination.

Call our confidential LGBT helpline on t. **01392 201015**

e. **helpline@intercomtrust.org.uk**  
LGBT Helpline. **01305 266 633**

**Dorset People First** is a charity led by people who have learning difficulties. To find out more information about our groups and events go to **www.dorsetpeoplefirst.co.uk**

**Samaritans** is available 24 hours a day providing confidential emotional support.

t. **0845 90 90 90** (National number)

or t. **01305 771 777** (Dorset number)

w. **www.samaritans.org**

**Victim Support** provides free and confidential support to help people deal with their experience, whether or not they report it to the police.

t. **01202 606 200**

e. **vsdorset@victimsupport.org.uk**

**Citizens Advice Bureau** provides free, confidential and independent advice. Visit **www.adviceguide.org.uk** for practical, reliable, up-to-date information including frequently asked questions in English, Welsh, Bengali, Gujarati, Punjabi, Urdu and Chinese on a wide range of topics and factsheets to download or **www.citizensadvice.org.uk** to find your nearest bureau.



## District / Borough Councils

and ask to speak to the Hate Crime Advisor:

**Dorset Direct (County wide)**

t. **01305 221 000**

minicom. **01305 267 933**

**Christchurch Borough Council**

t. **01202 495 000**

e. **customerservices@christchurch.gov.uk**

**East Dorset District Council**

t. **01202 886 201**

e. **info@eastdorset.gov.uk**

**North Dorset District Council**

t. **01258 454 111**

e. **customerservices@north-dorset.gov.uk**

**Purbeck District Council**

t. **01929 556 561**

e. **enquiries@purbeck-dc.gov.uk**

**West Dorset District Council**

t. **01305 251 010**

e. **custservices@westdorset-dc.gov.uk**

**Weymouth and Portland Borough Council**

t. **01305 838 000**

e. **enquires@purbeck-dc.gov.uk**

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