

Reporting Hate Crimes

The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is committed to consistently working with the community to address bias-motivated crimes and incidents in our city.

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

A hate crime is a designation that makes available to the court an enhanced penalty if an initial crime demonstrates the offender's prejudice or bias based on the actual or perceived traits of the victim.

WHAT IS A HATE-BIAS INCIDENT?

A hate bias incident is an act (such as offensive yelling or some type of speech) of hostility motivated by racism, religious intolerance, or other prejudice, but isn't necessarily criminal.

A CRIME



**A
MOTIVATION
FOR
COMMITTING
THE CRIME
BASED ON
BIAS**



**HATE
CRIME**

IF YOU HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME OR HATE-BIAS INCIDENT:

- Call 911 **immediately**
- Call or visit your local Metropolitan Police Department district station.
- Call the Hate Crimes Voicemail at (202) 727-0500, which allows individuals to provide information regarding hate crimes anonymously.

For additional information, please visit:

<https://mpdc.dc.gov/page/hate-crimes-faqs>



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