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## Hate is never ok.

It is never ok to be:

- harassed on the train because of your race
- hit by your father because you're gay
- threatened with sexual assault on social media because you're a woman.

All these experiences hurt. All these experiences could be a hate crime in NSW.

## What is hate crime?

A hate crime is:

- an act or speech that breaks the criminal law
- that is motivated by bias or hatred against you because of who you are
- this includes bias or hatred because of your race, religion, ethnic/national origin, sexuality, disability, gender identity, sex/gender, age, HIV/AIDS status, intersex status or because you are homeless.

Any crime motivated by bias or hatred can be a hate crime. Hate crime can be against a person or property.

## Examples of hate crime include where a person:

- vandalises a mosque because they are biased against Muslim people
- uses offensive language against an elderly person because they hate old people
- uses an online forum to publicly urge violence against Jewish people because they are biased against Jews.

Hate crime can happen anywhere – on public transport, in the street, at home, online or at work. Hate crime can be committed by a stranger or someone you know.

You can take action against hate crime. In NSW, you can report it to the police. Or you might be able to report hate crime to a community or human rights organisation.

**WHEN  
IS HATE  
A CRIME?**

Find out more about hate crime in our legal section  
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