

Hate & Bias Crime

What is a hate or bias crime?

- A hate or bias crime is a crime committed against a person based on the victim's identity or perceived identity. This can include injury to the victim, damage or destruction of the victim's property, or threats that would make a reasonable person fear harm to themselves or to their property.
- Under Washington State Law, there are statuses that are protected from hate or bias crimes, such as: race, gender, color, religion, national origin, ancestry, sexual orientation, and mental, physical, or sensory disabilities.



What can I do if I am a victim of a hate or bias crime?

- You have a right to report to law enforcement. If you are in immediate danger, you can do this by calling **911**. If the danger has passed, you can report the crime by calling Crime Check at **509-456-2233**.
- You have a right to be supported by a free, confidential victim advocate. An advocate can help you understand your rights and legal options, assist you with reporting to law enforcement or obtaining a protection order, and refer you to resources in the community.
- Call LCS Northwest at **509-747-8224** and ask to speak with an advocate.

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What if my situation doesn't meet the law's definition?

- Please reach out to us! There are other services we may provide you.

What if this happened to a loved one?

- LCSNW is here to support you! Loved ones are impacted by others' trauma too.

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