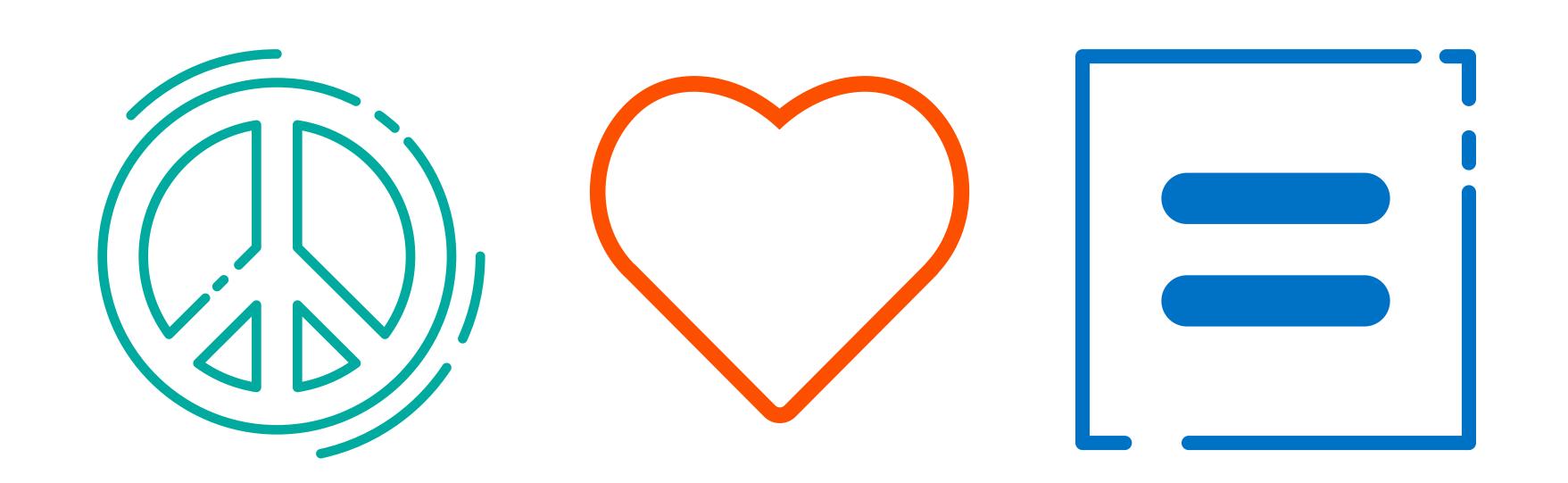


#### What is a hate or bias crime?

- 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.



# Hate & Bias Crime



## 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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