## HATE CRIME NO EXCUSES NO TOLERANCE

- It is believed hate crime is under reported by up to 80%.
- If you have seen someone be a victim of hate crime then it's important to note just how valuable you are.
- If you witness it, you can help support the victim and report it.

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#### WHERE TO GO FOR HELP AND ADVICE:



GLOUCESTERSHIRE HATE CRIME Tel 0800 077 8460 @GloshateCrime

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GLOUCESTERSHIRE VICTIM Support Tel 0808 281 0112

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### **HELP AND ADVICE**

#### WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

Hate crimes are acts of violence or hostility directed at a person or group of people because of who they are or who someone thinks they are.

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# THE NINE CHARACTERISTICS OF HATE CRIME

Gloucestershire Police recognise nine characteristics for which people can be a victim of hate crime:

- Disability
- Race or Ethnicity (Race = biology/ physical appearance, Ethnicity = culture, e.g. Black African)
- Religion or Belief (Christian, Muslim, Atheism, Veganism is a belief/a way of life)
- Sexual Orientation (e.g. gay, bi, lesbian, pan sexual)
- Gender identity (transgender)
- Age (most common in Gloucestershire)
- Gender (male or female from birth)
- Alternative subcultures, (e.g. emo's, goths, punks)
- Homelessness

### HATE CRIME RESPONSE

Any crime directed at a person because of any of the nine characteristics is a hate crime.

A suspect who commits a hate crime can be dealt with by:

- Arrest / interview
- Police caution
- Court
- Conviction
- Prison

## OFFENDERS GUILTY OF A HATE CRIME CAN RECEIVE A TOUGHER SENTENCE.



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