

Hate Incident Reporting Form



Blackpool Council

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What can I report?

Hate incident: This is any incident where you or anyone else has been targeted because they are believed to be different. Someone can be harassed, victimised, intimidated or abused by someone else because of their race, religion, disability or because they are lesbian, gay, bisexual or trans.

Some examples of hate incidents

Graffiti or Arson	Making nuisance phone calls that upset or annoy you	People swearing at you or making abusive remarks and calling you names
Someone attacking you, hitting you, spitting or throwing things at you	Someone threatening you or doing things that frighten, intimidate or distress you	Sending you nasty letters, e-mails or text messages
Domestic violence		

People may say or do things that make you feel alarmed, scared, upset or in fear of violence. It may be a neighbour or someone else who keeps calling you names, threatens to hurt you or damages your property. If someone commits a criminal offence that makes you feel like this, it is called a **hate crime**.

Anyone can be a victim; you do not have to be a member of a minority community, or someone who is generally considered to be vulnerable.

Why report it?

If you have witnessed or been the victim of a hate incident then please report it.

The information will be recorded and used by the Council and partner organisations such as the Police to provide help and support to the victim, deal with the person(s) responsible and prevent similar incidents happening in the future. All incidents are taken very seriously and treated in the strictest confidence.

- **In an emergency call 999 to contact the Police**
- Complete this form and return it (no stamp required) to:
FREEPOST, PO Box 117, Westgate House, Squires Gate Lane,
Blackpool, FY4 2GD
- Telephone Blackpool's dedicated Hate Crime Police Officer on
01253 607242
- Call Crimestoppers on **0800 555111**
- Report online at **www.lancashire.police.co.uk**



Confidentiality

All incidents reported to the council or to the police will be treated confidentially and will only be disclosed to other relevant agencies if you give your consent. You may be contacted by a Council officer to obtain further details unless you do not wish to be contacted.

Today's Date _____

If you need help filling in this form,
please telephone 01253 477477

Name _____


Address 

Postcode

Do you work for Blackpool Council?


Yes No

If yes, please tell us your department or service

Telephone/textphone number 

Which language do you prefer to use?



E-mail address 


Are you the: 

Victim Witness Third party

What Happened?

- Assault
- Damage to Property
- Harassment, Bullying and Victimisation
- Hate Mail (includes email & text messages)
- Verbal Abuse (including name calling and use of offensive language)

- Offensive Graffiti 
- Refusal to co-operate 
- Ridicule or humour
- Isolation from Social Events/Activities
- Threatening behaviour (including malicious telephone calls)

Please tell us what happened* - anything that you can remember. Such as the time, date, place and the damage caused: 

*Please send in any evidence (e.g. sketches, photocopies or photographs) with this form.

Do you think that it was about your*: 

- Race** Because of your race, nationality, skin colour or language
- Sexual Orientation** Because you are Gay, Lesbian or Bi-sexual
- Religion** Because of your religious beliefs
- Gender** Because you are trans, female or male
- Disability** Because you have a disability
- Age** Because of your age

Other: 

How many people did this?

Did you know them?

Yes

No

Please tell us their name(s) and address(es)



Can you tell us more about them?



- E.g.
- Age
 - Gender
 - Hair colour
 - Car registration number
 - Ethnicity
 - Job title/where they work
 - Anything else that you think may be helpful



Has this or anything like this happened before?

Yes

No



If Yes, please tell us about it



Did you report it?

Yes

No

About the Victim

Are you:

Female

Male

Prefer not to say



Do you have a disability?

Yes

No



(A physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term effect on your ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities)

Please can you tell us about it?



Are you:

Bisexual

Heterosexual



Gay/Lesbian

Prefer not to say



Are you:

Christian

Jewish

Sikh

Prefer not to say

Buddhist

Hindu

Muslim

No Religion

Other



Are you:

White

White British

White Irish

Other White background



Black or Black British

African

Caribbean

Any other Black background



Asian or Asian British

Indian

Pakistani

Bangladeshi

Any other Asian background



Mixed

White & Black Caribbean

White & Black African

White & Asian

Any other mixed background



Chinese, Traveller & other Ethnic Group

Chinese

Gypsy or Traveller

Other ethnic group



Are you an Asylum Seeker or Refugee?

Yes

No



Further Action

Have you already done anything about what happened? E.g. told anyone else.



Do the Police know?

Yes

No



If Yes, please give the crime reference number

May we share this form with other organisations who may be able to help?

E.g. Police and Racial Equality Council

Yes

No



What would you like to happen next?



What is the best way to contact you?



Signature..... **Date**

Personal data will be filed and stored in strict accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will only be disclosed to other relevant organisations or Council departments where the victim's consent is given or where there is a statutory requirement to do so (e.g. child protection).

To ensure our services are accessible to all, documents prepared by Blackpool Council are available in large print, Braille, on audio-cassette or computer disk upon request. We can also provide help for British Sign Language users and provide information in other languages. Please ask for details or telephone 477477.