

## HATE CRIME DEFINITION

"Any criminal offence which is aggravated by hatred, against a person or a group of persons, on account of their protected characteristics or any one of their characteristics".

**PROTECTED CHARACTERISTICS** - race, colour, nationality, religion, national or ethnic origin, descent, gender, sex characteristics, sexual orientation, or disability.

If you've experienced an act of violence or intimidation because of who you are; you may have been the victim of a Hate Crime. Hate Crime can include physical abuse, threats, harassment, assault or criminal damage to your property and can impact individuals, families and communities.

An Garda Síochána takes Hate Crime very seriously and encourages anyone who has been victimised to report to us, by one of the methods below.

Report Hate Crime at your **local Garda Station**Find a full **Garda Station Directory** at <a href="www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a>
Find your local **Garda Diversity Officer** at <a href="www.garda.ie">www.garda.ie</a>
Contact the **Garda Confidential Line** at 1800 666111
Report illegal content online, especially child sexual abuse material to <a href="www.hotline.ie">www.hotline.ie</a>

To Report Hate Crime Online

Visit www.garda.ie

Coimisiún na Meán (<u>www.cnam.ie</u>) is Ireland's agency for regulating broadcasters, video-on-demand providers and online platforms established in Ireland. They recommend that if you come across illegal or harmful content on a platform, you should firstly report the content to the platform in question. If you feel your online rights aren't respected by a platform, you can report this to Coimisiún na Meán, who will, in turn, refer any criminal content to the relevant Garda section. See also <u>www.cnam.ie</u>