

ONLINE CONTENT

Report illegal or harmful online content, including **Racism, Xenophobia, Child Sexual Abuse Material, Intimate Image Abuse or Financial Scams** to the **Irish Internet Hotline** at www.hotline.ie.



You can report securely, anonymously, and confidentially. If content is confirmed to be illegal, it is referred to the appropriate authorities, who work with service providers to ensure that illegal content is dealt with appropriately and removed.

Coimisiún na Meán, Ireland's media regulator www.cnam.ie recommend, that if you come across illegal or harmful content online, firstly, report it to the platform in question. **If you feel your online rights have not been respected by a platform**, you can report this to Coimisiún na Meán, who will refer any criminal content to An Garda Síochána.



HOW TO REPORT HATE CRIME

In an Emergency Always Ring 999 / 112



Report Hate Crime at your local Garda Station



Find a full Garda Station Directory at www.garda.ie



Contact the Garda Confidential Line at 1800 666111

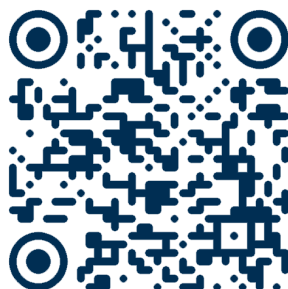


Use the Garda **Online** Hate Crime Reporting Service at www.garda.ie/en/reportahatecrime/



Find your local Garda Diversity Officer at www.garda.ie

REPORT HATE CRIME ONLINE



An Garda Síochána

Ag Coinneáil Daoine Sábháilte - Keeping People Safe

**HATE CRIME IS
UNACCEPTABLE**

**LET'S STOP
HATE
TOGETHER**

**REPORT
HATE CRIME NOW**

WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

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

These are:

- Race
- Colour
- Nationality
- Religion
- National or Ethnic Origin
- Descent
- Gender
- Sex Characteristics
- Sexual Orientation
- Disability

Types of offences may include assault, criminal damage or public order.

Report Hate Crime to An Garda Síochána

Incidents that **do not amount to a criminal offence**, but are none the less damaging and upsetting, can also be reported to An Garda Síochána

WHAT MAKES HATE CRIME DIFFERENT?

Hate Crime is different from other types of crime because it is committed against you because of who you are. It is a personal attack against something about you that you cannot change or should not have to change, such as your colour, race, religion, gender, sexual orientation etc.



WHO CAN BE A VICTIM OF HATE CRIME?

A person, community or institution may be a victim of Hate. If you have experienced an act of violence, intimidation or hostility because of who you are, you may have been the victim of a Hate Crime.



IS THIS A HATE CRIME?

If you are unsure about whether, what happened to you, is a Hate Crime or Incident, report it to An Garda Síochána, who will advise you further and take the necessary action.



WHAT WILL AN GARDÁ SÍOCHÁNA DO?

An Garda Síochána takes Hate Crime very seriously and will investigate all reports sensitively and respectfully.

Non-crime incidents will be recorded and considered for further action, where appropriate.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE (HATE OFFENCES) ACT, 2024

This legislation provides for increased penalties for certain crimes, where proven to be motivated by hatred, or where hatred is demonstrated.

For example, the legislation ensures that assault aggravated by hatred, or damage to property aggravated by hatred, will attract higher penalties.