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# DISABILITY HATE CRIMES/INCIDENTS

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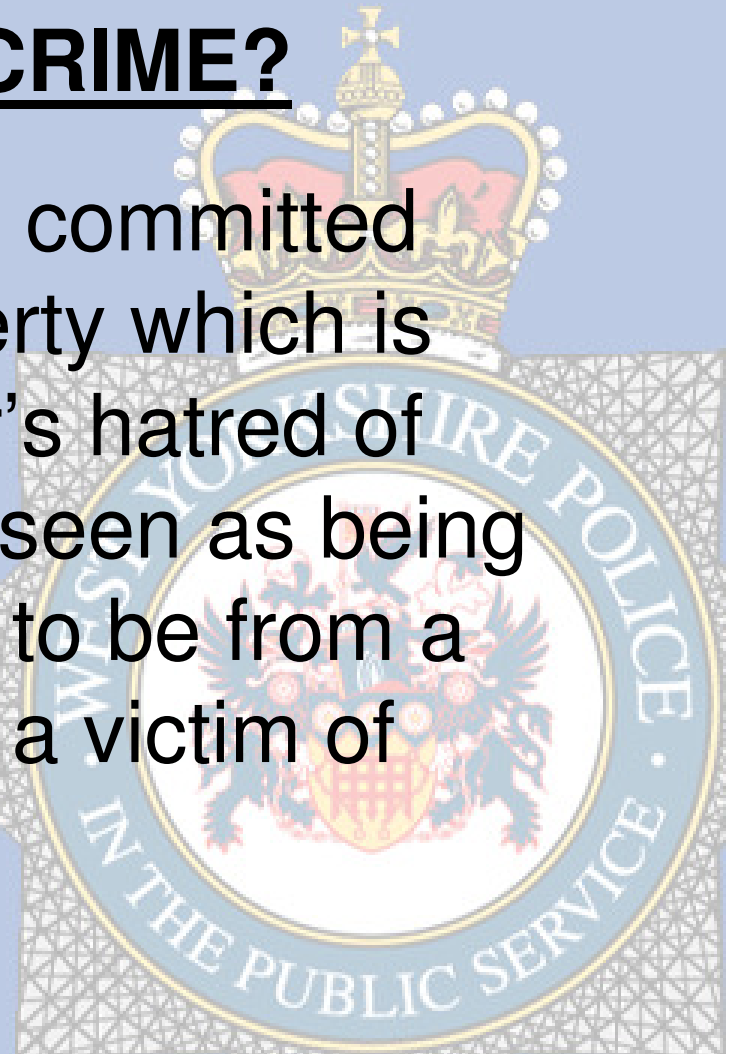




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## WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

Hate crime is any offence committed against a person or property which is motivated by the offender's hatred of people because they are seen as being different. You don't have to be from a minority community to be a victim of hate crime.





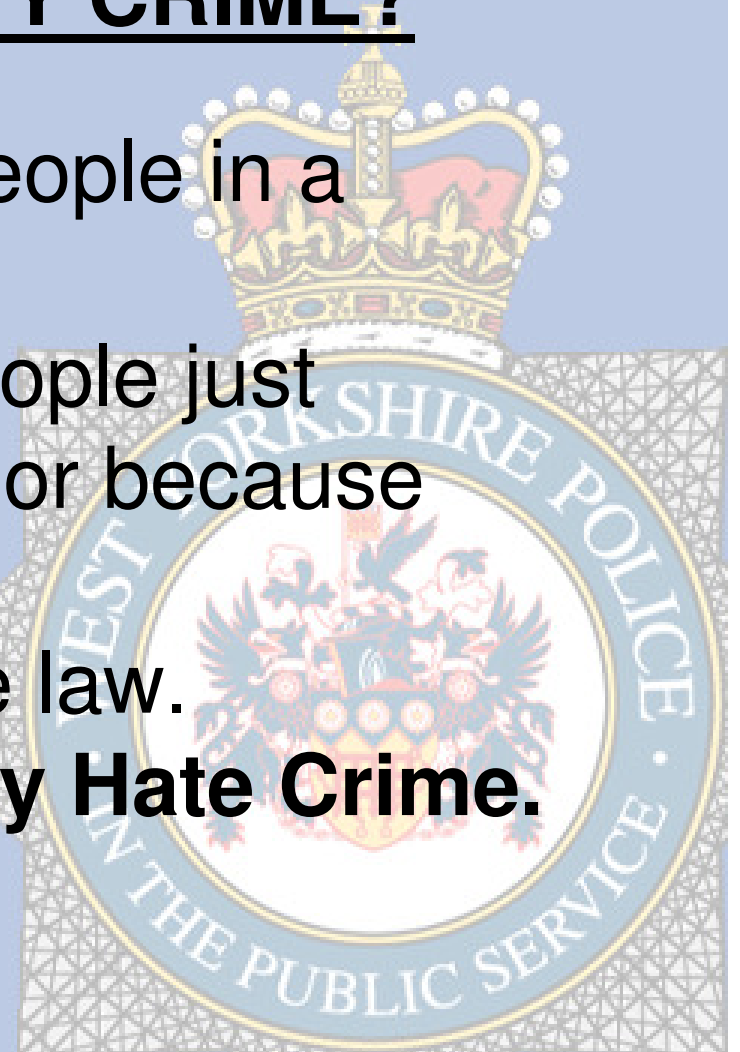
## WHAT IS A DISABILITY CRIME?

Some people treat other people in a bad way.

They can bully and hurt people just because they are different or because they have a disability.

Bullying can be against the law.

Bullying can be a **Disability Hate Crime.**





## WHAT CAN I REPORT?

Any incident, where you or anyone else has been targeted, because they or you are believed to be of a different:-

**Race**

**Religion/belief**

**Sexual orientation**

**Gender identity**

**or have a disability**

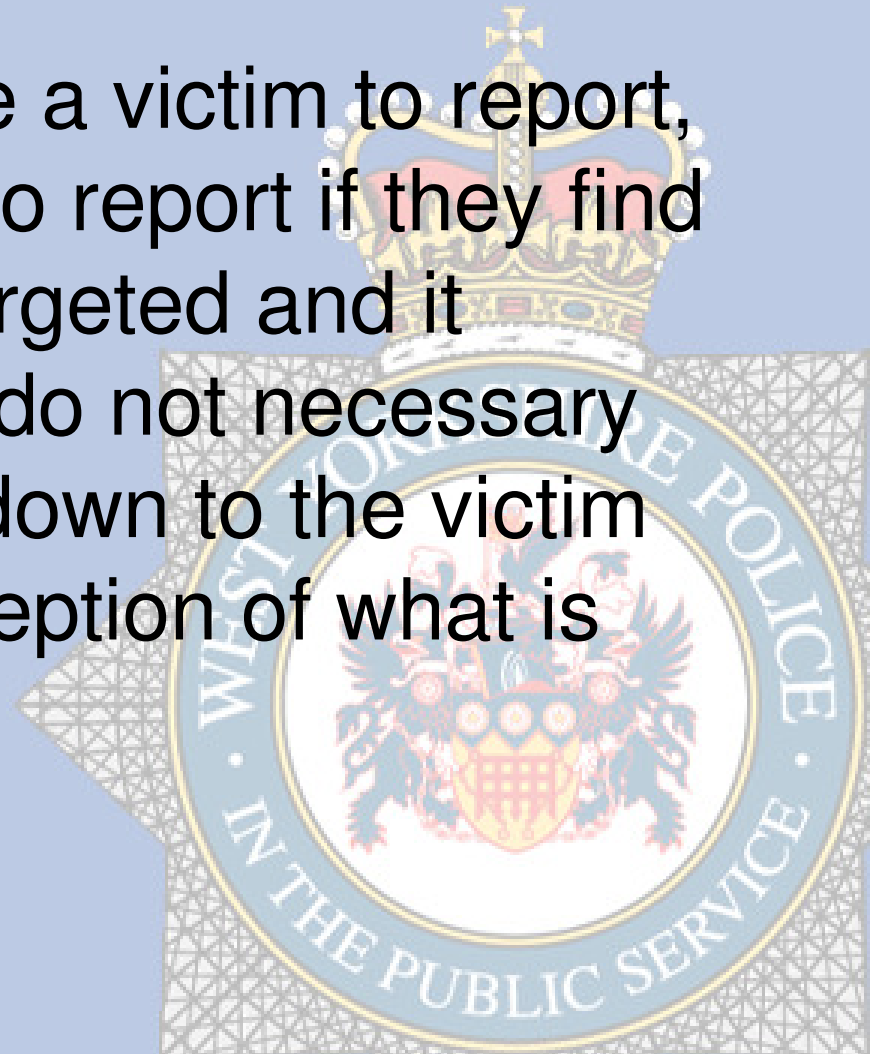




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## WHO CAN REPORT?

You do not have to be a victim to report, a third person can also report if they find somebody is being targeted and it upsets them. Words do not necessary have to be used it is down to the victim or third person's perception of what is happening to them.





## **SUCH INCIDENTS CAN BE:-**

Being called names

Being pushed, hassled or threatened

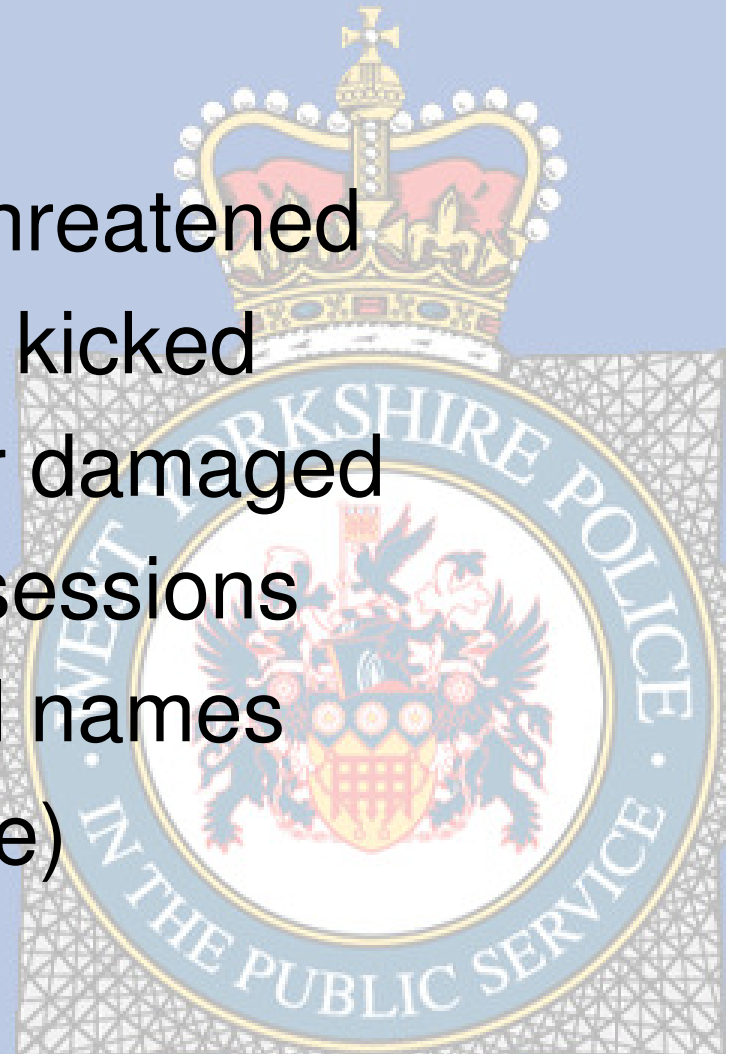
Being beaten up, spat at or kicked

Having your things taken or damaged

Graffiti damaging your possessions

Being made fun of or called names

(due to dress or appearance)





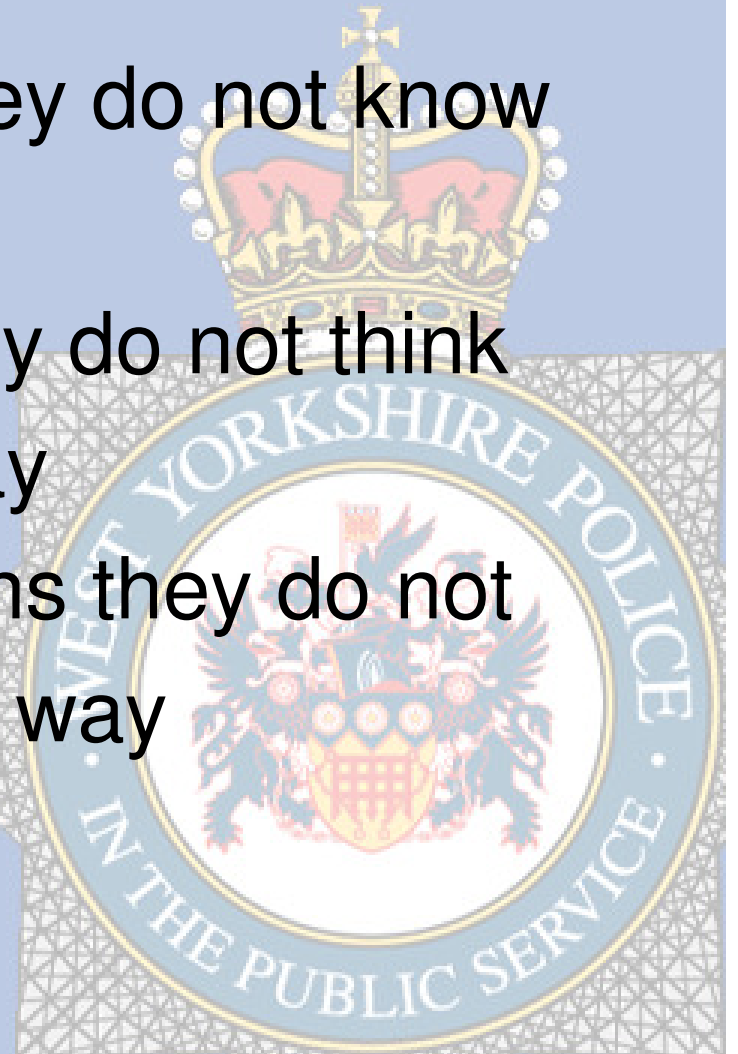
# REASONS WHY PEOPLE COMMIT DISABILITY HATE CRIMES

**Ignorance** – this means they do not know any better

**Prejudice** – this means they do not think about all people in a fair way

**Discrimination** – this means they do not treat all people in the same way

**Hate**



## WHAT IS A DISABILITY?

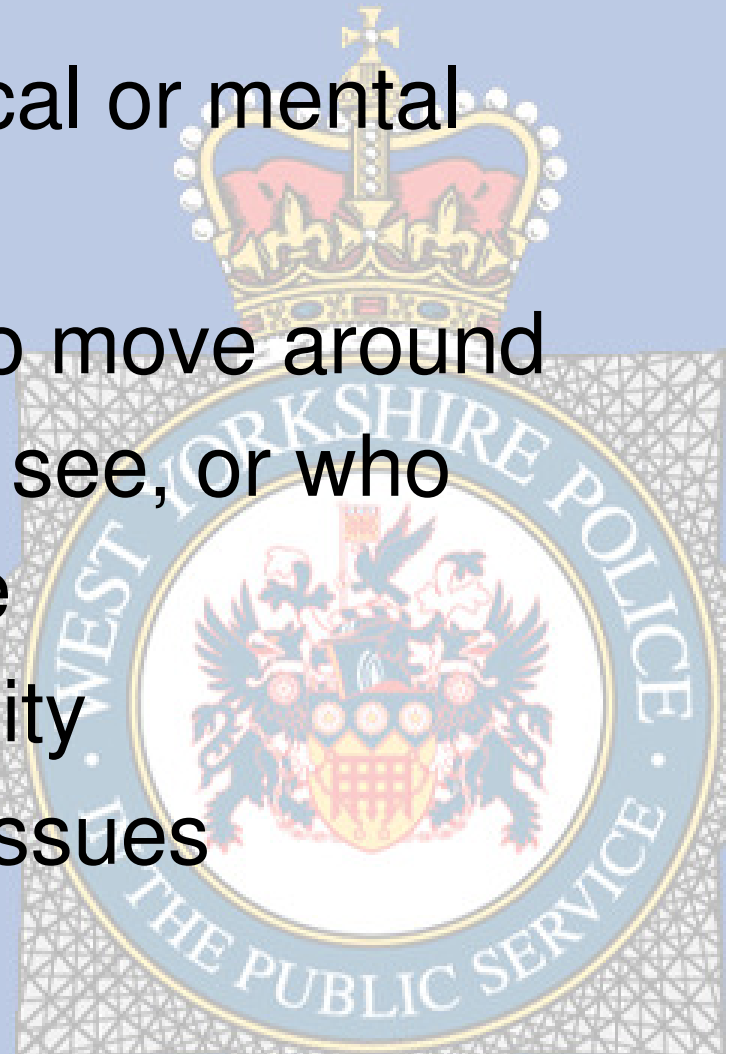
Disability means any physical or mental impairment i.e.

People who find it difficult to move around

People who cannot hear or see, or who find it difficult to hear or see

People with learning disability

People with mental health issues





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## HOW TO REPORT A HATE INCIDENT TO THE POLICE

For emergencies call **999**

For non-emergencies call **0845 6060606**

Attend at any Police Station

Call your local Hate crime co-ordinators

Pc Michelle Sowerby or Ruth Jones **01977 601182**

Mobile **07736 086725**





## OTHER WAYS OF REPORTING

At a third party reporting centre i.e.  
Housing office or Citizens Advice etc

True Vision self reporting form

True Vision on-line [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)

Stop Hate UK – **0800 138 1625** 24 hours

D.I.A.L. – [www.dialuk.info](http://www.dialuk.info)

Victim Support **01924 369107**

Citizens Advice – **0844 4994138**





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## WHY REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?

To be investigated to try and secure a conviction at court

It enables the police to work with partnership agencies

Highlights areas of concern in the Community to help prevent repeats

Collates patterns of offenders behaviour





## WHAT HAPPENS AFTER YOU HAVE REPORTED A HATE CRIME

Hate crimes are investigated thoroughly

Not all cases are put before the court

The views of the victim are always considered

Crimes are taken seriously & dealt with regularly, sensitively and professionally

The police also offer help & support





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**REMEMBER DO NOT SUFFER IN  
SILENCE**

**TELL SOMEONE**

**DON'T BE AFRAID TO REPORT  
DISABILITY CRIMES/INCIDENTS  
TO THE POLICE**

