

WHAT RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE TO VICTIMS?

Victims across Washington State can speak with a trained advocate 24/7. The Washington State Crime Victim Service Center Hotline (WACVSCH) can locate an advocate at a Crime Victim Service Center near you. The Crime Victim Service Center offers a variety of services including crisis intervention, advocacy, and courtroom support just to name a few. Services are available to support all individuals regardless of whether or not the incident was reported to law enforcement and/or when it occurred.

Resources through WACVSCH are available regardless of the victim's immigration status (interpretation services are available).

Washington State Crime Victim Service Center Hotline (WACVSCH): Call or text 1-888-288-9221 or visit wacvschotline.org.



Renton Police Department
1055 S Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Non-emergency: 425-235-2121

**RENTON POLICE DEPARTMENT
HATE CRIME HOTLINE**

1-844-RPT-HATE (1-844-778-4283)
Or email reporthate@rentonwa.gov



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SAY NO TO HATE CRIME

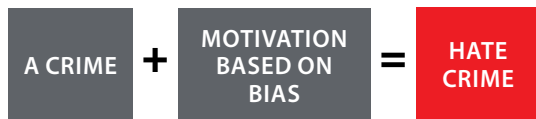
IDENTIFYING & REPORTING HATE CRIME INCIDENTS



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**POLICE
DEPARTMENT**

ERASE THE HATE

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?



In the simplest terms, a hate crime must include both "hate" and a "crime".

Under Washington State Law: "A person is guilty of malicious harassment if he or she maliciously and intentionally commits one of the following acts because of his or her perception of the victim's race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or mental, physical, or sensory handicap:

- » Causes physical injury to the victim or another person;
- » Causes physical damage to or destruction of the property of the victim or another person; or
- » Threatens a specific person or group of persons and places that person, or members of the specific group of persons, in reasonable fear of harm to person or property."

A crime is an act deemed to be illegal; it becomes a hate crime when it is motivated by bias or prejudice against a person or people perceived to be a part of a group, and is intended to induce fear, scare, terrify or cause psychological harm.

SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING

HOW TO REPORT A HATE CRIME

If you are a victim or witness of a hate crime, and the incident is in-progress, call 911 immediately!

If the crime is NOT occurring right now, you can report the incident via the non-emergency number: **425-235-2121**.

If you are not comfortable calling 911 or have additional questions regarding being a victim of or witnessing a hate crime, you can call the Renton Police Department Hate Crime Hotline at **1-844-RPT-HATE (1-844-778-4283)** or email reporthate@rentonwa.gov.

HELPFUL TIPS

- » Obtain medical attention, if needed. Be sure to keep all medical documentation. Take photos of any injuries.
- » Leave all evidence in-place; do not touch, remove or clean-up anything.
- » Document what happened and get a description of the suspect(s) and/or their vehicle.
- » Collect the names, addresses and phone numbers of any victims or witnesses.
- » Write down any hate language that was used, particularly any verbiage that indicates bias was the motivation for the crime.

HATE IS NEVER TRIVIAL!

IF HATE CRIMES ARE NOT REPORTED, THEY MAY CONTINUE

Reporting hate crimes can lead to their prevention by identifying those prone to these activities and sending a message that these crimes will not be ignored.

One of the most common reasons victims gave for not reporting a hate crime was because they felt it may be perceived as too trivial.

WHAT IF I AM AN IMMIGRANT?

Protection from hate attacks extends to everyone regardless of immigration status. Government agencies like the Renton Police Department will not collect your immigration status if you report a crime.

