

## Resources

Government and Community Based Organizations that provide assistance to victims of hate crimes.

Glendale Police Department.....	(818)548-4640
Los Angeles County.....	(213)726-2768
Commission on Human Relations	
U.S. Department of Justice.....	(213)894-2241
Community Relations Service	
Anti-Defamation League.....	(310)446-8000
Asian-Americans.....	(213)977-7500
Advancing Justice	
Coalition for Humane Immigrant.....	(213)352-1332
Rights of Los Angeles	
Anti-Violence Project.....	(800)373-2227
Muslim Public Affairs Council.....	(323)258-6722
Hate Crimes Hotline	
National Association for the.....	(310)397-1171
Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)	
Simon Wiesenthal Centers.....	(310)553-9036
Tools for Tolerance	
South Asian Network.....	(800)261-9111
Armenian Bar Association.....	<a href="http://www.armenianbar.com">www.armenianbar.com</a>
Neighborhood Legal Services.....	(800)433-6251

# CONFRONTING INTOLERANCE UNDERSTANDING HATE CRIMES



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## Hate Crimes

A hate crime is any criminal act or statement directed against a person, group, public agency, or private institution based on the victim's actual or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender or because the agency or institution is identified or associated with a person or group of an identifiable race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender.

Hate Crimes Include:

- Acts that result in injury, regardless of how slight the injury may be.
- Threats of violence that look like they can be carried out.
- Vandalism and other destructive acts, generally resulting in property damage.
- Any criminal act or attempted criminal act, including property damage, directed against the public or private groups or agencies.
- Harassment including anonymous telephone calls, threatening letters, and interruptions of religious services. Threats made verbally, in writing, and by means of electronic communication devices which can apparently be carried out. (Electronic communication device includes but is not limited to telephones, cellular phone, computers, video recorders, fax machine, or pagers).
- Murder.

## Hate Incident

A hate incident is any noncriminal act including words directed against a person(s) based on that person's actual or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability or gender.

Hate Incidents Include:

- Posting of hate material that does not directly result in the damage of property.
- Distribution of hate material in public places.
- The display of offensive material on one's own property.
- Epithets.

## What can be done?

Hate crimes and hate incidents not only affect the victim but also the community. Hate crimes and hate incidents strike at the heart of our society. Our country, constitution, and national character are based on tolerance and respect for the rights and needs of the individual. Hate crimes and hate incidents directly attack those founding principles: breeding fear, distrust, and uncertainty in the community.

Hate crimes can be prosecuted either as misdemeanors or felonies, depending on the severity of the acts committed. Hate crimes and hate incidents are tracked by the Glendale Police Department.

Historically, hate crimes have been underreported; thus many are not prosecuted. Law Enforcement, the Glendale Police Department, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, U.S. Attorney's Offices, are all committed to apprehending and prosecuting hate crime perpetrators.

## Respect Diversity!

Respect diversity at work and your community. The more you learn and know about different cultures and traditions, the richer your life will be. You can support the efforts of the community to fight hate crimes and hate incidents through programs and projects on cultural diversity, human relations, and conflict resolution. Additionally, promote the sharing of cultural events and holidays.

The City of Glendale has a unique and culturally diverse population. This diversity has significantly contributed to making Glendale the vibrant and dynamic City it is today. There are people and groups who commit crimes and acts against members of specific groups. These crimes and acts are called "Hate Crimes" and "Hate Incidents." It is important to know the facts about hate crimes and hate incidents. Knowing the facts places the community in a better position to recognize hate crimes and hate incidents as a very serious community problem.

## If You Are a Victim of a Hate Crime

Call 911 or go to the Glendale Police Department. Victims of hate crimes may be eligible for assistance under the California's Crime Victim Compensation Program. To qualify, you must have reported the crime to law enforcement and cooperated in the investigation of any known suspects. Additionally, you cannot have contributed to the events leading up to the crime. For information go to <http://www.vecdb.ca.gov/> or call (800) 777-9229 or contact the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (900) 330-3811 or (525) 927-8500.

## Crime Tip Hotline

Glendale Police Crime Stoppers' Crime Tip Hotline  
(818) 507-5TOP (818 507-7867)