

# Hate and Mate Crime

Support to Report  
2024

## **Aims:**

To provide you with knowledge and skills, to recognise and support those who have been a victim or a witness to a hate crime and encourage reporting.

Awareness of what Hate Crime is

Awareness of what Mate Crime is

The effect they have on people

Awareness of how to Support people and Report



# Hate Crime or Hate Incident

Crime - Any criminal offence, which is perceived by the victim, or any other person to be motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a person's/perceived personal characteristic.

**Common definition agreed in 2007 by ACPO, CPS et al**

Incident - Any incident where a crime has NOT been committed, but where it is perceived by the reporting person, or any other person that the incident was motivated by hostility or prejudice based on a persons/perceived personal characteristic.

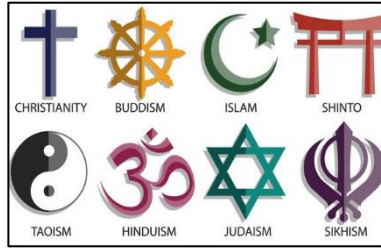
**Non-crime hate incidents can “feel like a crime”**



# Personal Characteristics



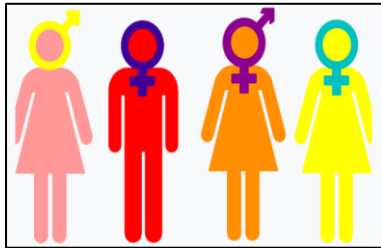
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Religion



Sexual Orientation



Sex/Gender



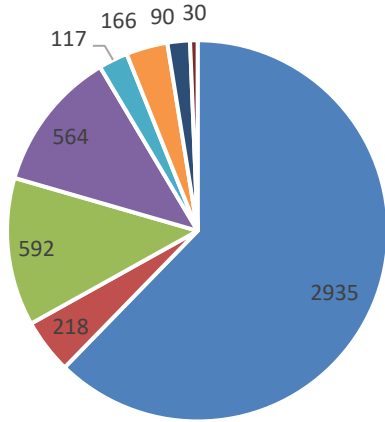
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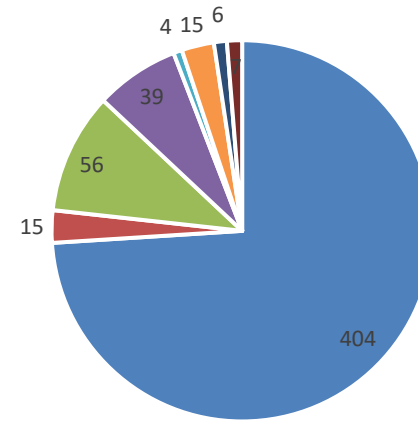


# Essex 2023



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# Thurrock 2023



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In 2023 there were 4,622 investigations

# What is Mate Crime?



Mate crime and hate crime are closely related

Mate crime is where a vulnerable victim is befriended and taken advantage of by a person

This person may commit a number of offences against the vulnerable victim, and encourage the victim to offend on their behalf

This person will often isolate the victim to make them dependent upon them.



# Barriers to Reporting

Don't know what a hate crime is

I will get in trouble if I report it

Not serious enough

Will not be believed

I will lose them as a friend if I tell

Being scared it will get worse

Don't know how to report

Don't know where to report

Nothing will be done

They might hurt my pets





[SAFE - Mate Crime - YouTube](#)





# What does Mate Crime look like?

Using your home; inviting other people round, drinking, taking drugs and playing loud music

Ordering you to do things that you don't want to do

Coming round when you get your money, wages or benefits and getting you to buy them things

'Borrowing' your mobile and using all your credit

Charging you for petrol every time they take you out



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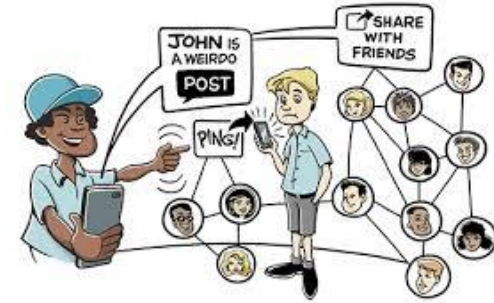
Online bullying, on Facebook for instance

Abusive phone calls or letters

Someone making fun of you, like how you look or speak

Someone stealing or intentionally breaking something that belongs to you

Hitting or Kicking you or threatening to do this



# Hate Crime victimisation can lead to

Changing appearance  
How they dress  
Masking

Buying safety devices  
Personal alarms  
CCTV

Changing daily routines  
Walking a different route  
Avoiding public transport

Refuse to leave the house  
Refuse to go back home  
Move home

Leaving work  
Closing down a business  
Changing school

Impact on behaviour  
Mental health  
Anxiety Stress Depression



# Combatting Mate Crime

Mate crime can be very hard to deal with

Victims are usually vulnerable and need support

Victims need support from others to realise they have been targeted and get it to stop

Perpetrators will purposely isolate victims and make them dependent on them

Victims may be threatened with violence if they talk to friends, family or the authorities.



# Telling Someone Keeping Safe



It's not always safe to stand up and speak out when the hate crime is happening; **but we can do it after**

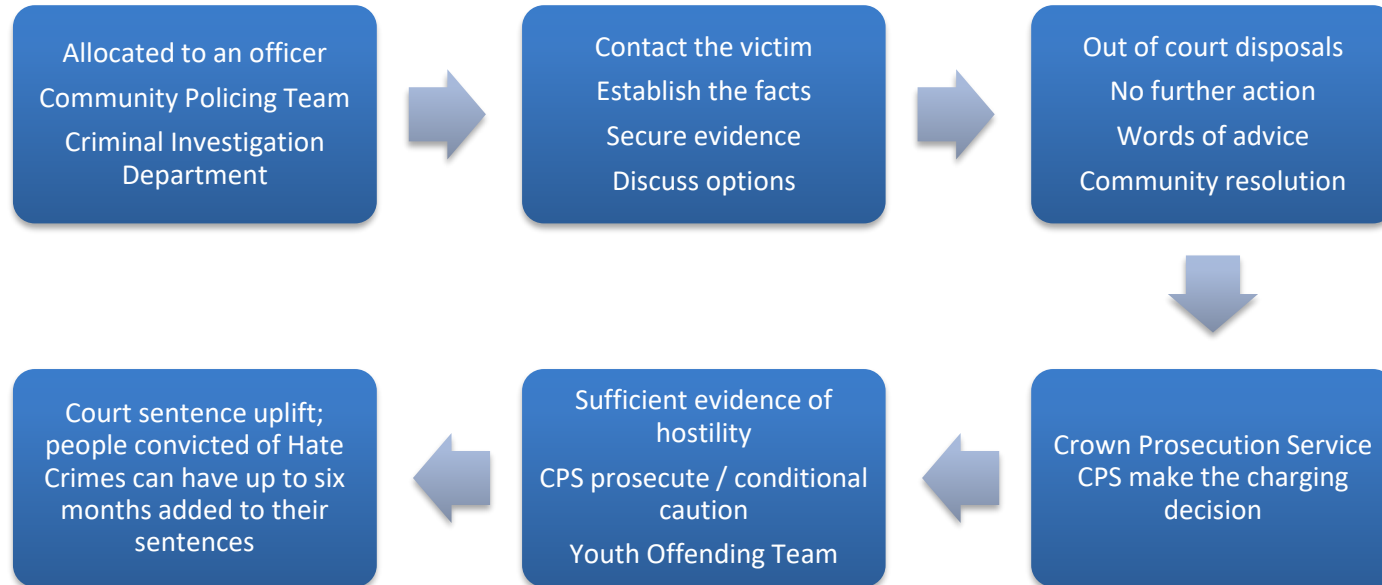
Telling someone what happened, **can get the help you need**

When you talk to someone, it **can help you understand how it has affected you**

And reporting it is an important step in **stopping it happening again.**



# How is Hate Crime dealt with?



# How to report – to police

- Telephone: 999 (Emergency) 101 (Non emergency)
- Online: [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk) use Live Chat, or the below QR Code
- British Sign Language (BSL) users please use the 999BSL app
- Deaf or hard of hearing, use the textphone service 18000
- In person: At a Police Station
- Truevision [www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)
- Reports can be made through third party.



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If victims details are not disclosed, information will be used for  
Community Impact purposes.

# Other Third Party Reporting Options

**CrimeStoppers.**  
**0800 555 111**  
100% anonymous. Always.



**STOP HATE CRIME**  
**0800 138 1625**  
**24 HOUR HELP LINE.**



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# Advising Victims



Report to Police

Photograph

One Message to  
STOP

Anti-Social  
Behaviour Diaries

DO NOT retaliate.

Injuries

Damage



# Sign Posting: Who can help?



# More Help and Advice



Information, advice and reporting options. Provides details of all current Hate Incident Reporting Centre's [www.essex.police.uk](http://www.essex.police.uk)



National online reporting centre for England and Wales. Offer a wide range of information and advice  
[www.report-it.org.uk](http://www.report-it.org.uk)



Stop Hate UK is a 24/7 helpline. Anyone can call for advice or report on 0800 138 1625 or online [www.stophateuk.org](http://www.stophateuk.org)



Victim Support offer emotional, practical, longer term support or signposting to other agencies. Victims can also self refer via 0300 303 0165 [www.victimsupport.org.uk](http://www.victimsupport.org.uk)



# Summary

## Hate Crime is

- Race
- Religion
- Disability
- Sexual Orientation
- Transgender
- And
- Sex/Gender

## Mate Crime is

- A friend or someone you know takes advantage of you
- Makes you do things you don't want to
- This could be someone recent or someone you have known a long time

## Effects

- Repeat victimisation
- Personal effect
- Ripple effect
- Most vulnerable are more at risk

## Criminal Justice response

- Victim focused
- Police Investigate and explain options
- Out of court disposals
- CPS make charging decision

## You know how to Signpost to Report

- Share your knowledge
- Talk to people

