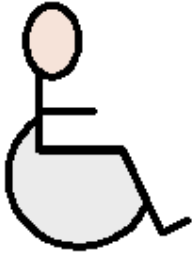


# Hate crime – what is it and how do I report it?



**If you are being bullied because you are disabled – don't put up with it**

Being bullied and treated badly because you are disabled is wrong.

Everyone should feel safe to live in, work in and visit Kent.

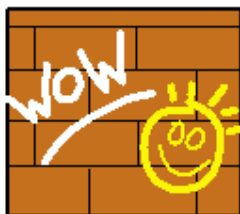
**You don't have to put up with things like:**



**Physical assault** – this means things like people hitting you, or throwing things at you.



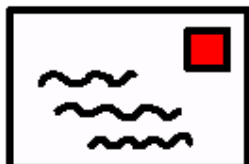
Damage to your **property**. This means the things you own. It could be something big like a car, or small like a bag or coat.



**Offensive graffiti.** This is rude words written on walls.



**Threat of attack** – this means you are worried that someone might hurt you, or they have said that they will hurt you.



People who write to you or telephone you to be **rude about your disability**, or to threaten you.



**Verbal abuse or insults.** This is when someone shouts or swears at you, or calls you names.

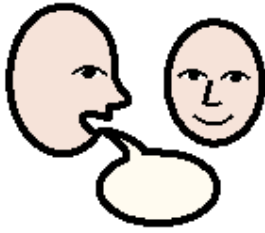


**Bullying** at school or at work



All of these things can be called **disability hate crime**.

Disability hate crime is against the law.



We know that disability hate crime is frightening.

We also know that it can be hard to be brave and tell someone what's happening.



If you suffer from disability hate crime or bullying, it is important that you report it.



**We want to stop all disability hate crime.**

**These are the different ways you can report a disability hate crime.**



You can report a crime if you are the victim. You can also report a crime if you have seen it happening to someone else.



In an emergency dial **999** or **112** – we will come out straight away.



You can go into your local police station to report the crime.



Telephone 101 to speak to one of our hate crime officers.



Contact Victim Support. They will be able to give support and help to victims of hate crime, and people who have seen hate crime happen to other people. Telephone 0845 30 30 900 or email [supportline@victimsupport.org.uk](mailto:supportline@victimsupport.org.uk)

**If disability hate crime or bullying happens to you, please report it.**



**Together we can stamp it out**

