



HATE CRIMES AWARENESS

Do you know the difference between a hate crime and a hate bias incident?

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

A crime, or threat to commit a crime, motivated by another person or group’s perceived personal characteristic or group membership (protected class), including race, color, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, disability, national origin, or homelessness.

WHAT IS A HATE BIAS INCIDENT?

A hate/bias incident is any act or expression of hostility or aggression that is motivated by bias against a protected class but does not constitute a crime under local, state, or federal law.

WHY REPORTING MATTERS

Reporting ensures that:

- Support can be provided to victims of hate and bias
- Incidents can be investigated
- Offenders are held accountable for their actions.
- Trends and patterns are identified
- Authorities understand the scope of the problem, and make informed decisions, to reduce and prevent future incidents.

HOW TO REPORT

 **In an emergency, call 911**

For non emergencies, call:

- Anne Arundel County Police Department:
(410) 222-8610
- Anne Arundel County Sheriff’s Department:
(410) 222-1570
- Anne Arundel Community College
Department of Public Safety and Police:
(410) 777-1818
- Annapolis Police Department:
(410) 268-4141
- Crofton Police Department:
(410) 222-8610

VISIT:<https://www.aacounty.org/NoHateHere>

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