

What is discrimination?

The law can support you if you are treated unfairly because of:



Age



Sex



Race



Disability



Religion



Pregnancy or Maternity



Being Lesbian, Gay or Bisexual



Being Transgender



Marriage or Civil Partnership

These are called **Protected Characteristics**

Discrimination may include:

- Not being given help at school when you have a learning disability
- Not being able to go inside a shop or other place because there are no ramps or lifts
- Being fired from a job because you are pregnant
- Being banned from a pub because you are a Romany gypsy

If any of these things are happening to you, talk to **Bristol Hate Crime and Discrimination Service**

0800 171 2272



Bristol Hate Crime and Discrimination Service



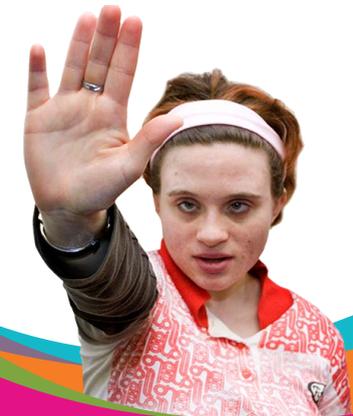
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If you're in danger call the police: 999

What is hate crime?

Hate crime is when someone is bullied because of their:



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Hate crime can be when people:

- Bully you
- Call you names
- Hit or hurt you
- Take or break your things
- Send nasty messages online or by text
- Make you do things you don't want to do



What should you do?

- Tell someone about it
- Report it
- Keep any evidence (like texts and pictures)

How can we help?

If you report hate crime or discrimination to us, we will:

- Listen to you
- Keep your story private
- Talk to you about what happens next

Reporting hate crime or discrimination can:

- Stop it getting worse
- Stop it happening to others
- Help people to feel safer
- Help people to be treated fairly

Our service is free and confidential

