

**HATE IN ANY
FORM IS
UNACCEPTABLE!**

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**NOBODY
DESERVES IT**

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**AND NOBODY
DESERVES TO GET
AWAY WITH IT.**

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**TO STOP IT,
REPORT IT!**



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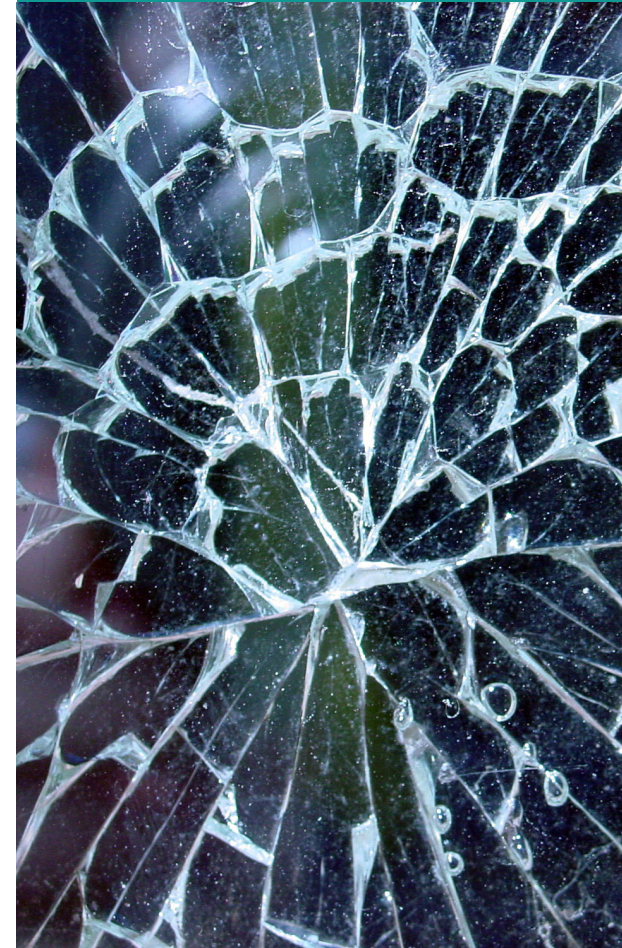
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HATE INCIDENT PRACTICAL ACTION SCHEME

A SCHEME TO SUPPORT VICTIMS OF HATE INCIDENTS



HATE INCIDENT

PRACTICAL ACTION SCHEME

HAVE YOU BEEN THE VICTIM OF AN INCIDENT OR CRIME AT HOME BECAUSE OF YOUR RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY, GENDER IDENTITY, POLITICAL OPINION OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF?

HAS YOUR HOME BEEN ATTACKED BECAUSE OF YOUR RACE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, DISABILITY, GENDER IDENTITY, POLITICAL OPINION OR RELIGIOUS BELIEF?

IF SO, YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR PERSONAL AND HOME PROTECTION MEASURES UNDER THE HATE INCIDENT PRACTICAL ACTION (HIPA) SCHEME.

About the Scheme

A scheme is available across Northern Ireland to support victims of hate incidents at their homes.

This scheme, in particular circumstances, can provide personal and home protection measures if your home has been damaged or you have been a victim in the vicinity of your home where the motivation of the attack is racist, homophobic, disabilist, sectarian, transphobic or faith related.

It is available to owner-occupiers and tenants in privately rented and Housing Executive properties.

How the Scheme works

All hate incidents must be reported to the police to be eligible for support.

When an incident is confirmed by the police, minimum repairs may be carried out to secure the property and, if requested, there will be a follow up visit by your local police officer carrying out the Hate and Signal Crime Officer role, or the Crime Prevention Officer role, who can recommend work to be carried out by the Housing Executive to repair the property and improve existing security.

The Scheme is available 24 hours each day to provide support and reassurance to victims of hate incidents.

Contact numbers

To report an incident contact your local PSNI station on **101** and ask for the Crime Prevention Officer.

Confidential on line reporting is also available at: **www.psnipolice.uk**

If you require further information about the Scheme, you can contact:

- your local NIHE office (03448 920 900);
- Victim Support Northern Ireland (028 9024 3133);
- one of the Hate Crime Advocates: (028 9066 1281) for victims of disability hate crime, (028 9031 9030) for victims of homophobic or transphobic hate crime, (028 7137 2235) for victims of racist hate crime; or
- your local Police and Community Safety Partnership Manager via your council or www.pcsp.org

If you have been a victim of a hate crime and it is an emergency you should contact the police on 999.

Crimestoppers

Crimestoppers is an independent charity working to fight crime. You can call Freephone **0800 555 111** to pass on information about crime anonymously, or fill out a secure online form at: **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**