

What to do if you are the victim of a potential hate crime:

If you are in an emergency situation, call 911.

- **Seek medical** attention if needed.
- **Contact local law enforcement** if you are comfortable doing so.
You may also contact the FBI to report the incident.
 - Make sure to tell them that you believe the incident was hate-motivated and why.
 - Get the responding officer's name and badge number.
 - Request a copy of the police report.
 - Ask the officer what the next steps are.
 - If you are not comfortable reporting the incident to law enforcement, contact a local community organization for guidance. Some cities and states have hate crime hotlines that can provide services and referrals that can help.
- **Document** what happened.
 - Write down or otherwise record what happened – including any words spoken during the incident – before you forget.
 - Include a description of the assailant (include any significant and notable items) and identify any potential witnesses to the incident in the area.
 - Take photos if it is safe to do so.
- **Seek support** from victim services and community organizations.
 - Contact your state victim services agency and ask for help.
 - Don't hesitate to seek counseling and mental health support.
 - Contact a community organization that represents your interests or a community leader you trust for guidance.
 - These support services can also be helpful if you during any criminal justice proceedings related to the incident.

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