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Can I access additional support?

The Victim Support Agency (VSA) provides a support service for victims of crime. The VSA can be contacted on telephone: 1800 819 817 or TTY: 86621730. Information on VSA services can be found at: www.justice.vic.gov.au



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prejudice motivated crime



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What is prejudice motivated crime?

Prejudice motivated crime is a criminal act which is wholly or partly motivated by prejudice or hatred towards a person or a group because of a particular characteristic, such as:

- sexual orientation
- gender identity
- religion
- race
- sex
- age
- disability
- homelessness.

What crimes are motivated by prejudice?

Crimes motivated by prejudice take many forms. Some examples include:

- physical assault
- damage to property
- harassment
- verbal or written abuse
- threats
- offensive graffiti.

What is Victoria Police doing about prejudice motivated crime?

Victoria Police takes crimes motivated by prejudice very seriously. We are committed to tackling prejudice motivated crime in the community and are working towards two key objectives:

1. reducing prejudice motivated crime in Victoria
2. increasing community confidence to report prejudice motivated crime to police.

We will meet our objectives by:

- ✓ working in partnership with the community
- ✓ treating all victims with dignity and respect
- ✓ responding to reports of prejudice motivated crime in a timely and professional manner
- ✓ supporting victims and facilitating referrals to support services
- ✓ thoroughly investigating all reports of prejudice motivated crime, making every effort to hold offenders accountable.

Why is it important to report prejudice motivated crimes?

So we can do something about it.

We know that prejudice motivated crimes cause serious harm to victims, often leaving them, and their communities, feeling vulnerable, threatened and isolated. We also know that for a range of reasons, many victims do not report prejudice motivated crime to police.

To enable us to respond effectively to prejudice motivated crime and to help prevent it from recurring, we need to know about it. Reporting prejudice motivated crime will help us to identify offenders, and contribute towards a safer community for everyone.

Who can report prejudice motivated crime?

Anyone.

It is everyone's responsibility to ensure prejudice motivated crimes are brought to the attention of police.

How do I report a prejudice motivated crime?

In the case of an emergency call 000.

If you are a victim please contact your local police station. To find your nearest police station, go to: www.police.vic.gov.au.

If you have any information about a crime (including a prejudice motivated crime) you can call Crime Stoppers confidentially, on **1800 333 000** or go online at: www.vic.crimestoppers.com.au

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