



# THE SIX PROTECTED CLASSES UNDER THE CALIFORNIA HATE CRIME LAW ARE:



The City of Los Angeles has a unique and culturally diverse population. Its residents represent nearly every culture, nationality, race, and religion on earth. This diversity has significantly contributed to making Los Angeles the vibrant and dynamic City it is today. There are people and groups who commit crimes and acts against members of specific groups. These crimes and acts are called "Hate Crimes" and "Hate Incidents." It is important to know the facts about hate crimes and hate incidents. Knowing the facts places the community in a better position to recognize hate crimes and hate incidents as a very serious community problem.

## HATE CRIMES

A hate crime is any criminal act or attempt directed against a person(s), public agency, or private institution based on the victim's actual or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender or because the agency, institution or victim is identified or associated with a person or group of an identifiable race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender.

Examples of hate crimes include:

- Acts that result in injury, no matter how slight the injury appears.
- Threats of violence that look like they can be carried out.
- Vandalism and other destructive acts, resulting in property damage.
- Any criminal act or attempted criminal act, including property damage, directed against public or private agencies.
- Harassment, including anonymous telephone calls, threatening letters, and interruptions of religious services.
- Threats made verbally, in writing, and by means of electronic communication devices which can apparently be carried out. (Electronic communication device includes, but is not limited to, telephones, cellular telephones, computers, video recorders, fax machines, or pagers.)
- Murder.

## HATE INCIDENTS

A hate incident is any noncriminal act including words directed against a person(s) based on that person's actual or perceived race, nationality, religion, sexual orientation, disability, or gender.

Examples of hate incidents include:

- Epithets.
- Distribution of hate material in public places.
- Posting of hate material that does not result in property damage.
- The display of offensive material on one's own property.

## WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Hate crimes and hate incidents not only affect the victim but also the community. Hate crimes and hate incidents strike at the heart of our society. Our country, constitution, and national character are based on tolerance and respect for the rights and needs of the individual. Hate crimes and hate incidents directly attack those founding principles; breeding fear, distrust, and uncertainty in the community.

Hate crimes can be prosecuted either as misdemeanors or felonies, depending on the severity of the acts committed. Hate crimes and hate incidents are tracked by the Los Angeles Police Department.

Historically, hate crimes have been under-reported; thus many are not prosecuted. Law Enforcement, the Los Angeles Police Department, and the Los Angeles City, County and U. S. Attorneys' Offices, are all committed to apprehending and prosecuting perpetrators.

## RESPECT DIVERSITY!

Respect diversity at work and in your community. The more you learn and know about different cultures and traditions, the richer your life will be. Additionally, support the efforts of the community to fight hate crimes and hate incidents through programs and projects on cultural diversity, human relations, and conflict resolution. Promote the sharing of cultural events and holidays.

## IF YOU HAVE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE PERPETRATOR OF A HATE CRIME

You are encouraged to contact the LAPD's Crime Tip Hotline. Public cooperation is often essential in solving hate crimes.

## CRIME TIP HOTLINE

877-LAPD247 or 877-527-3247  
800-222-TIPS (8477)  
<https://www.lacrimestoppers.org/>

## IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME

Call 911 or go to the nearest LAPD Community Police Station listed on this pamphlet.

Victims of hate crimes may be eligible for assistance under California's Crime Victim Compensation Program. To qualify, you must have reported the crime to law enforcement and cooperated in the investigation of any known suspects. Additionally, you cannot have contributed to the events leading up to the crime. For information go to <http://www.vcgcb.ca.gov/> or call (800) 777-9229 or contact: Los Angeles County District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program (800) 380-3811 or Los Angeles City Attorney's Office Victim Assistance Program LGBT Advocacy & Outreach (213)978-2097.

# LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY POLICE STATIONS

## Area Detectives Hate Crime Coordinators

**Central Area** (213) 833-3750  
251 E. 6th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90014

**Devonshire Area** (818) 832-0609  
10250 Etiwanda Ave., Northridge, CA 91325

**Foothill Area** (818) 834-3115  
12760 Osborne St., Pacoima, CA 91331

**Harbor Area** (310) 726-7900  
2175 John S. Gibson Blvd, San Pedro, CA 90731

**Hollenbeck Area** (323) 342-8900  
2111 E. 1st Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033

**Hollywood Area** (213) 972-2967  
1358 N. Wilcox Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90028

**Mission Area** (818) 838-9810  
11121 N. Sepulveda Blvd., Mission Hills, CA 91345

**Newton Area** (323) 846-5363  
3400 S. Central Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90011

**Northeast Area** (323) 561-3421  
3353 San Fernando Road, Los Angeles, CA 90065

**North Hollywood Area** (818) 754-8410  
11640 Burbank Blvd., North Hollywood, CA 91601

**Olympic Area** (213) 382-6628  
1130 S. Vermont, Los Angeles, CA 90006

**Pacific Area** (310) 482-6313  
12312 Culver Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90066

**Rampart Area** (213) 484-3450  
1401 West 6th St., Los Angeles, CA 90017

**77th Street Area** (323) 786-5420  
7600 S. Broadway, Los Angeles, CA 90003

**Southeast Area** (213) 972-7813  
145 W. 108th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90061

**Southwest Area** (213) 485-6570  
1546 W. Martin Luther King Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90062

**Topanga Area** (818) 756-4820  
21501 Schoenborn St., Canoga Park, CA 91304

**Van Nuys Area** (818) 374-0040  
6420 Sylmar Ave., Van Nuys, CA 91401

**West Los Angeles Area** (310) 444-1580  
1663 Butler Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90025

**West Valley Area** (818) 374-7730  
19020 Vanowen St., Reseda, CA 91335

**Wilshire Area** (213) 922-8205  
4861 W. Venice Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90019

## RESOURCES

Government and Community Based Organizations that provide assistance to victims of hate crimes.

**Los Angeles County Commission on Human Relations** (213) 738-2788

**Human Services Department Human Relations Commission** (213) 978-1660

**U. S. Department of Justice Community Relations Service** (213) 894-2941

**Anti-Defamation League** (310) 446-8000

**Asian American Advancing Justice- Los Angeles** (213) 977-7500

**Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights of Los Angeles** (213) 353-1333

**L. A. Gay and Lesbian Center** (800) 373-2227

**Muslim Public Affairs Council Hate Crimes Hotline** (800) 898-3558

**National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)** (310) 397-1171

**Simon Wiesenthal Center's Tools for Tolerance** (310) 553-9036

**South Asian Network** (800) 281-8111  
or (562) 403-0488

## IN CASE OF EMERGENCY DIAL 911

For non-emergencies, you may contact the Los Angeles Police Department at 1-877-ASK-LAPD (1-877-275-5273) or TTY 1-877-275-5273 for the hearing impaired.

You may also obtain additional information on this subject, along with additional crime prevention tips, by visiting the Los Angeles Police Department's Web site at [www.lapdonline.org](http://www.lapdonline.org) and clicking on "Crime Prevention."

Should you have information regarding a criminal investigation or activity, please contact your local police station or "Crime Tips" at 1-877-LAPD247 (1-877-527-3247).

**WWW.LAPDONLINE.ORG**  
**WWW.JOINLAPD.COM**



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**Community Outreach Development Division**  
**Crime Prevention Unit**

100 West First Street, Room 250, Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 486-6000

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