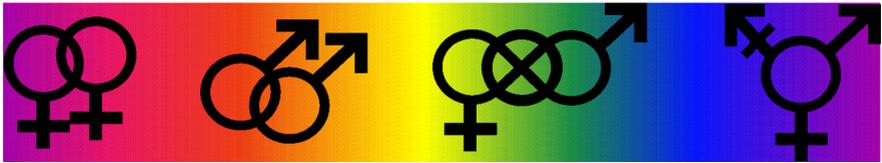




## **SAY NO TO HOMOPHOBIC AND TRANSGENDER HATE CRIME**



### **What is homophobic/transgender hate crime?**

It is an offence which is perceived by the victim or any other person to be motivated by hostility or a prejudice based on a person's sexual orientation or gender identity or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

Hate crime can be physical violence and assault, verbal abuse, obscene calls or texts, offensive mail, email or graffiti. It can be damage to property, arson, dumping rubbish, or offensive substances posted through letterboxes.

The risk of being attacked or abused on the street or in their homes remains an everyday reality for many Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans people. Our criminal justice system still has no reliable picture of the actual number of hate crimes taking place every year. Recent surveys show that as many as one in five LGBT people have experienced a hate crime incident in the last three years. Often these incidents occur repeatedly and around people's homes and workplaces. Young LGBT people experience bullying at school and college, sometimes so prolonged and distressing that they self harm or attempt suicide. And it is not just LGBT people who become victims of these hate crimes, but their children, friends and family too.

# HELP US SAY YES TO EQUAL RIGHTS FOR LGBT PEOPLE



There have been some steps taken by the police and the criminal justice system to tackle hate crime in recent years, but it is clear that far more needs to be done. Many of those who experience homophobic and transphobic hate crimes and incidents still don't report them to the police because they are convinced that there is no point.

If you have been a victim of hate crime do report it to the police on 101, (or 999 in emergency), or get in touch with us at HRRRA for help and information.

If you would like to help us in our campaign to say no to homophobic and transgender hate crimes contact us.

**Contact HRRRA** : Telephone 07505 819344 or email us at [info@hrrra.org.uk](mailto:info@hrrra.org.uk) or see our website [www.hrrra.org.uk](http://www.hrrra.org.uk)

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