



What is a hate crime?

- Under New York State Law, a person commits a hate crime when he or she targets a victim because of a perception or belief about the victim's race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation, even if that perception or belief is incorrect.
- Hate crimes can be perpetrated against an individual, a group, or against public or private property. For example, hanging a noose or painting a swastika could be deemed hate crimes.

What can I do?

- If you are a victim of a crime, suspect that a crime is in progress, or if there is risk of physical injury or serious damage to property, call 911 immediately.
- To report incidents of bias-motivated threats, harassment or discrimination, call New York's toll free hotline: 1-888-392-3644 or text "HATE" to 81336.

