

Bias Crime

REPORT IT!



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What is a Bias Incident?

A bias incident or bias crime is an unlawful act against a person or property (public or private) based on race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, and/or national origin.

What should you do if you are the victim of, or witness, a Bias Incident?

You should first report any and all suspected or confirmed bias incidents to your local police department. If this is an emergency or a crime in progress call 911 immediately.

What if I'm uncomfortable reporting to my local police department?

You can report to your County Prosecutor's Office. In New Jersey, each County Prosecutor's Office has a Bias Crimes Unit. Detectives assigned to these specialized units are responsible for receiving reports and investigating all bias incidents. You can also report a bias incident to the New Jersey Attorney General's Office at www.njoag.gov/bias, via the bias crime portal at bias.njcivilrights.gov, or by calling **1-800-277-BIAS** (2427).

Do I have to give my name and contact information? What do I need to report?

No, you do not have to give your name or contact information, you can report anonymously. The only information you are required to provide to report a bias incident is the information you want to provide. However, the more information you provide law enforcement, the better their ability to investigate.

REMEMBER to REPORT Bias Incidents :

- For Emergencies & Crimes in Progress **Call 911**
- Contact Your Local Police Department
- Contact Your County Prosecutor's Office
- Contact the NJ Attorney General's Office:
 - Bias Crime Hotline at **1-800-277-BIAS** (2427)
 - Bias Crime Reporting Portal: bias.njcivilrights.gov
 - Bias Crime Resources: www.njoag.gov/bias