

Everyone deserves safety

In Durham Region, everyone has the right to feel safe, regardless of identity, but hate incidents are rising, impacting individuals, communities, and society.



What is hate?

Hate often targets people based on:

- Race or ethnicity
- Religion or faith
- Gender identity or expression
- Sexual orientation
- Age
- Language
- Disability
- Any Personal Attribute

Where does hate come from?

Hate is learned, not innate. It can stem from:

- **Fear** of the unfamiliar
- **Stress** and misplaced frustration
- **Us versus them thinking**
- **Personal experiences** of betrayal or injustice
- **Learned behaviour** from family, media, or culture
- **Historical beliefs** and systemic power imbalances

Types of hate activities

- **Hate-motivated crime:** Criminal acts driven by bias or prejudice
- **Hate/bias incident:** Hostile or discriminatory behaviour
- **Hate propaganda:** Content promoting hate or genocide

Impacts of hate

Individuals: Trauma, isolation, pressure to hide identity

Communities: Fear, exclusion, eroded trust

Society: Division, loss of diversity, increased discrimination, lack of inclusion and belonging

Recognizing hate activity: The five Ws

Who?

Was someone targeted based on identity?

What?

Were slurs, symbols, or excessive violence used?

When?

Did it happen on a meaningful date (e.g. religious holiday)?

Where?

Did it occur at a location tied to identity (e.g. Pride event)?

Why?

Is bias the only clear motive?



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