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Bristol Hate Crime and Discrimination Services



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**If you're in danger call
the police: 999**

What is discrimination?

The law can support you if you are treated unfairly because of:



Age



Pregnancy or Maternity



Sex



Being lesbian, gay or bisexual



Race



Being transgender



Disability



Marriage or Civil Partnership



Religion

These are called **Protected Characteristics**.

Discrimination may include:

- **Being treated unfairly because of a Protected Characteristic**
- **Not being able to go inside a shop or an event because there are no lifts or ramps**

If any of these things are happening to you, talk to **Bristol Hate Crime and Discrimination Service**

Our service is free and confidential

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What is hate crime?

Hate crime is when someone is bullied because of their:



Disability



Being transgender



Race



Being lesbian, gay or bisexual



Religion



Age



Gender

Hate crime can be when people:

- Bully you
- Call you names
- Hit or hurt you
- Take or break your things
- Send nasty messages online or by text
- Make you do things you don't want to do

What should you do?

- Tell someone about it
- Report it
- Keep any evidence (like texts and pictures)



How can we help

If you report hate crime or discrimination to us, we will:

- **Listen to you**
- **Keep your story private**
- **Talk to you about what happens next**

Reporting hate crime or discrimination can:

- **Stop it getting worse**
- **Stop it happening to others**
- **Help people to feel safer**
- **Help people to be treated fairly**

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