

## HOW TO REPORT BIAS AND HATE CRIMES IN IDAHO

### **WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?**

Hate crimes are outlawed by both the federal government and the State of Idaho.

Idaho law states that “it is the right of every person regardless of race, color, ancestry, religion or national origin, to be secure and protected from fear, intimidation, harassment, and physical harm caused by the activities of groups and individuals.” I.C. § 18-7901. The state law protects people from physical harm, harm to property, and threats of physical harm or harm to property because of that person’s race, color, religion, ancestry, or national origin. I.C. § 18-7902. The crime includes placing any word or symbol commonly associated with racial, religious or ethnic terrorism on the property of another person without his or her permission.

Federal law protects individuals from bodily injury or an attempt to cause bodily injury, through the use of a weapon because of the person’s actual or perceived race, color, religion, or national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability. 18 U.S.C. § 249. This U.S. law does not cover harm to property or threats. Another U.S. law protects individuals from injury or threats of injury based on race, color, religion, or national origin tied to specific activities such as voting, attending public school, and working. 18 U.S.C. § 245.

### **DO I HAVE TO BE A U.S. CITIZEN TO REPORT A HATE CRIME?**

No. The U.S. Attorney’s office, the FBI, the county prosecutors, and the local police will respond to reports of hate crimes regardless of your citizenship.

### **HOW DO I REPORT AN INCIDENT?**

You have several options for reporting a potential crime: (See next page for contact information.)

- call your local police department,
- the county prosecutor’s office,
- the FBI in Boise, or
- the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Boise.

Make a report by phone and in writing. You can call more than one office to seek a response. Even if the incident is not serious enough to be a crime, reporting it helps officials respond if something happens again.

You can also contact the ACLU of Idaho at <https://www.acluidaho.org/en/know-your-rights/what-you-can-do-if-you-are-bullied-or-attacked>. The Southern Poverty Law Center at <https://www.splcenter.org/reporhate> is tracking incidents across the country.

### **WHEN SHOULD I REPORT AN INCIDENT?**

The sooner the better to allow officials to investigate, but you can still call and report an incident that happened weeks ago.

### **WHAT INFORMATION WILL I NEED TO PROVIDE?**

If you can do it safely, make video or audio recordings and take pictures. Write down what happened, where it happened, and when it happened. Get the names and contact information for any witnesses.

### **CAN I HAVE A LAWYER, PARENT, OR FRIEND WITH ME?**

Yes. The official responding to the information may need to speak directly with you but you can have someone with you to help explain what happened and provide support.

### **WHAT IF THE INCIDENT HAPPENED AT A SCHOOL, JAIL, OR HOSPITAL?**

If you are in a public school, file a formal grievance. Look on your school district or college website for grievance and civil rights policies. Ask jail officials or hospital employees for their grievance procedure and file a report.

## INFORMATION TO GATHER AND REPORT

Who was targeted: (Name, address, contact information)

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Description of incident:

(Be sure to identify dates, times, location, and the names of everyone involved if possible).

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Witnesses and their contact information:

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What about the incident makes you feel it is a hate crime (specific slurs, writings, etc.)

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Actions taken so far: (Has the incident been reported to anyone and to whom).

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Response to actions so far (if any):

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## CONTACT INFORMATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND OTHER ENTITIES

### Law Enforcement Entities

*You can call multiple offices and if one does not respond, contact another office.*

- Local Police Department or County Sheriff Office
  - County Sheriff contact information: <https://www.post.idaho.gov/links/CSO.html>
  - Blackfoot Police Department: (208) 785-1234
  - Moscow Police Department: (208) 883-7054
  - Mountain Home Police Department: (208) 857-2101
  - Pocatello Police Department: (208) 234-6100
  - Boise Police Department:
    - OFFICER DUSTIN ROBINSON, REFUGEE LIAISON: (208) 570-6423 [DRobinson@cityofboise.org](mailto:DRobinson@cityofboise.org)
    - OFFICER BLAKE SLATER, NAACP LIAISON: (208) 570-6400 [BSlater@cityofboise.org](mailto:BSlater@cityofboise.org)
    - OFFICER DAN LISTER, LGBT LIAISON: (208) 570-6300 [DLister@cityofboise.org](mailto:DLister@cityofboise.org)
    - OFFICER ED MORENO, HISPANIC COMMUNITY LIAISON: (208) 570-6300 [EMoreno@cityofboise.org](mailto:EMoreno@cityofboise.org)
- County Prosecutor's Office (see list on reverse page).
- Local FBI: 208-344-7843
- U.S. Attorney's Office: 208-334-1211 and ask for Aaron Lucoff, Criminal Chief

### Non Law Enforcement Entities

- Office of Civil Rights for Department of Education (if the incident happened at school):  
<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/docs/howto.pdf>
  - U.S. Department of Education
  - 915 Second Avenue, Room 3310
  - Seattle, WA 98174-1099
  - Telephone: (206) 607-1600
  - Facsimile: (206) 607-1601
  - [Email: OCR.Seattle@ed.gov](mailto:OCR.Seattle@ed.gov)
- Office of the Mayor of your town. (Blue pages in Yellow Pages or search for the mayor of your town on the internet)
- Chair of the City Council of your city. (Blue pages in Yellow Pages or search "city hall" and your town name on internet).
- Idaho Safe Schools Coalition:  
<https://www.facebook.com/Idaho-Safe-Schools-Coalition-93226717336/>

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