

## HOW DO I REPORT AN INCIDENT?



You have several options for reporting a potential crime:

- Call 911 for emergencies
- Call 208-377-6790 for non-emergencies or to reach an on duty police officer
- Make a report online at [cityofboise.org/police](https://cityofboise.org/police)
- Contact a Liaison Officer (see contact information on back)

## 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 Boise Police will respond to reports of hate crimes regardless of your citizenship.

## POLICE CONTACTS

Officer Jessica Knarr  
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208-570-6423  
[jknarr@cityofboise.org](mailto:jknarr@cityofboise.org)

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*NAACP Liaison*  
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Officer Dan Lister  
*LGBT Liaison*  
208-570 6300  
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Officer Ed Moreno  
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# REPORT BIAS & HATE CRIMES

Hate crimes are classified as a crime in Idaho under the Malicious Harassment Law. (18-7902)

## WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

It is against the law for someone to threaten to harm you, cause you physical harm or cause your property harm because of your race, religion, disability, gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity or the country you come from.



## WHAT IS FREE SPEECH?

Free speech is a right, protected by the U.S. Constitution, to express beliefs, thoughts and ideas without government censorship.



## ARE HATE CRIMES AGAINST THE LAW?

Hate Crimes are against the laws of the United States, the State of Idaho and the City of Boise.



## 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.

## 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.

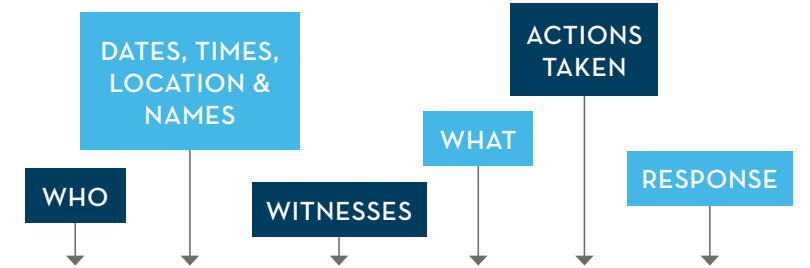
## WHAT IF THE OFFICER DOESN'T TAKE A REPORT?

You can ask for a report to be taken even if the officer doesn't believe there is enough evidence to pursue criminal charges. Reports can be taken for information only.



## WHAT HAPPENS WITH MY REPORT?

General reports can be routed for charges by the prosecutor or used in court to support an officer's decision to charge a suspect with a crime. A miscellaneous report or information only report can be used to document an incident for possible use later. Anytime Boise Police take a hate/bias report, the officer investigates the incident and notifies a supervisor.



## INFORMATION TO GATHER AND REPORT

- **Who was targeted:** (name, address, contact information)
- **Description of incident:** (identify dates, times, location, and the names of everyone involved if possible)
- **Witnesses and their contact information**
- **What about the incident makes you feel it is a hate crime:** (specific slurs, writings, etc.)
- **Actions taken so far:** (Has the incident been reported and to whom?)
- **Response to actions so far:** (if any)
- **Confirm that the victim will need to be willing to talk with police and participate in filing the report.**



## HOW DO I MAKE A PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST?

Make a Public Record Request online at: [cityofboise.org/police](https://cityofboise.org/police)