



Hate Crime and Incidents

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EMERGENCY: CALL 911

Resources

UCLA Police Department	
Emergency	9-1-1
Dispatch (24 hours)	(310) 825-1491
UCLA Escort Service (from dusk to 1 a.m.)	(310) 794-WALK
Detective Bureau	(310) 825-9371
Crime Prevention.....	(310) 825-6111

UCLA Campus Resources	
Dean of Students	(310) 825-3871
LGBT Resource Center	(310) 206-2628
Office of Residential Life.....	(310) 825-3401
Office for Students with Disabilities	(310) 825-1501
Counseling and Psychological Services	(310) 825-0768
UCLA Hate Crime Website.....	www.reporthate.ucla.edu

Community Resources	
LA City Human Relations	(213) 485-4495
LA County Human Relations	(213) 974-7611
American- Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee	(714) 636-1232
League of B'nai B'rith Anti-Defamation League	(310) 446-8000
Asian Pacific American Legal Center (English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, & Vietnamese languages)	(213) 977-7500
El Centro Human Services (East LA Mental Health)	(323) 725-1337
LA Gay & Lesbian Center	(323) 993-7400
LA Urban League.....	(323) 299-9660
Museum of Tolerance.....	(310) 553-8403
Southern Christian Leadership Conference	(323) 295-8582

UCPD's Hate Crime Policy

It is the policy of the University of California Police Department, Los Angeles to maximize efforts, ensuring all residents of the University community enjoy the right to live free of crime motivated by a victim's race, ethnicity, gender, national origin, religion, disability, or sexual orientation.

We believe the unique nature of hate crimes require special attention from our agency. Hate crimes are given priority status. Members of UCPD receive training in their identification and investigation. We take every possible action to identify and arrest the perpetrators and bring them to justice, as well as respond in a sensitive manner to the violence experienced by the victims, their families and community.

UCPD works in partnership with campus organizations to refer victims to appropriate resources for assistance to reduce fear and tension which frequently occur as a result of hate crimes.

Compensation

If an identified suspect is convicted, you may be eligible for compensation for the cost of damage to your property or for injuries you suffer.

You may also bring a civil action and recover legal fees and compensation for up to three times the actual damages, plus a civil penalty of up to \$10,000.

For information regarding compensation contact:

LA City Attorney Hate Crimes Unit (213) 485-5030

What is a Hate Crime?

A hate crime is a crime which is committed because of the victim's perceived race, color, religion, national origin, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

Hate Crimes can include:

- ▲ Graffiti
- ▲ Verbal Intimidation or Threats
- ▲ Hate Mail (including email)
- ▲ Property Damage
- ▲ Harassment
- ▲ Trespassing and Stalking
- ▲ Physical assaults and threats
- ▲ Arson
- ▲ Attacks with weapons
- ▲ Murder

Hate Crimes are against California law and are violations of the University's anti-discrimination policy.

What is a Hate Incident?

Not all expressions of hate or group bias rise to the level of hate crime as defined in state and federal statutes. Derogatory words or epithets directed against a member of a previously defined group because they are a member of such group, if not accompanied by a threat of harm with the ability to carry it out, are considered protected speech and not a hate crime. They do, however, constitute a hate-related incident.

Note – Tracking and analyzing hate incidents provides the needed information for the community to identify potential threats and assess the level of tension on their community. Report incidents to the Police or a campus official.

Reporting a Hate Crime

- Reporting Hate Crimes and incidents, even those that you might not consider “serious” is important to monitoring and stopping future incidents. For information about where to report incidents, see “Resources” on the back of this brochure. By keeping detailed information on incidents, you can strengthen the case for official action.
- Write down exactly what happened. Try to include as much specific detail as possible in your account.
- Record precisely where and when the incident occurred.

What to do if you are the victim or witness of a Hate Crime

- If anyone was with you or saw what happened, record their names and phone numbers as well. Ask them to write an account of what they witnessed and sign and date this document.
- Record names or detailed descriptions of the perpetrators.
- Make photocopies of hate mail or other documentation. Keep the originals.
- Keep a careful log of hate calls and make a tape of hate calls on your answering machine.
- Photograph physical injuries, offensive graffiti and evidence of vandalism.
- Call the Police (9-1-1 in an emergency or UCPD Dispatch in a non-emergency at 310-825-1491). Give the responding officer or official complete information to ensure the incident is documented as bias-related.

- Record the officer's/official's name and badge number.

Further information about Hate Crime reporting and resources can be found on the UCLA Hate Crime website at www.reporthate.ucla.edu. Anonymous reporting is an option from the website.

Take Care of Yourself

Being a victim or witness of a Hate Crime can be emotionally shattering and physically damaging, and may leave you feeling isolated. Your priority should be taking care of yourself.

1. Make sure you are in a physically safe place.
2. Seek medical attention immediately when necessary.
3. Find someone you can talk to about the experience, such as a friend, counselor, professor or the police (see “Resources” on the back of this brochure). Remember: Hate Crimes can happen to anyone.

You are not to blame.

How to Protect Yourself

- ▲ Be aware of your surroundings
- ▲ Trust your feelings
- ▲ Stay alert
- ▲ Take a self-defense course
- ▲ Avoid walking alone. Escorts are available on and around the campus from dusk to 1:00 AM every day at (310) **794-WALK**.
- ▲ Stay in well lit areas
- ▲ Have car or house keys in hand
- ▲ Walk confidently, quickly, and directly
- ▲ Keep your car locked at all times, even while driving.
- ▲ Avoid driveways, bushes, and alleys
- ▲ You are more vulnerable if you are under the influence of drugs or alcohol.