

**HATE CRIMES**  
violate fundamental  
rights and human  
rights.

Was violence  
encouraged on  
online forums?

Were your home or  
workplace windows  
broken because of  
your background?

Were you hit  
because of your  
skin colour?

Was your family threatened,  
when you left a religious  
event?

Was it a  
**HATE CRIME?**

Was a wheelchair  
user on the bus  
insulted?

Were you or your friend  
criticised due to your sexual  
orientation?



Fundamental Rights and  
Citizenship Programme





When a crime is done due to the victim's ethnic or national background, sexual orientation, sex or gender identity, religion or belief or disability,

it is a case of hate crime.

If you have become a victim or witness of crime, report it to the police!

Everyone has the right to dignified non-discriminatory treatment.  
**Report hate crimes to the police!**

It is important that all matters related to the crime are reported to the police, including your suspicions of any possible motive.

The police are obliged to investigate, whether there is a hate motive in the background of the crime. The sentence resulting from the crime may be increased, if it is a case of hate crime.

## Police

You can also report a crime in your own mother tongue. The easiest way to contact the police is to visit a local police station.

[www.poliisi.fi](http://www.poliisi.fi)

In emergency situations:

**General emergency telephone number 112**

## Victim Support Finland

Victims of crime receive support and advice from Victim Support Finland.

An interpreter is used, if necessary.

[www.riku.fi](http://www.riku.fi)