

WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO A PERSON CONVICTED OF A HATE CRIME?

A person convicted of a hate crime is punishable by up to 1 year in county jail or up to 3 years in state prison, a maximum of 400 hours of community service, and/or ordered to pay a fine up to \$10,000.

The judge may order restitution. Restitution means that the convicted person will pay you back for your actual damages and losses resulting from the crime.

If the convicted person has no money and cannot pay restitution, then you may be eligible to receive financial compensation from the California Victims of Crime Prevention Program.

Please see the community support section for the phone number and mailing address.



HATE CRIME!

ALAMEDA POLICE DEPARTMENT POLICY ON THE INVESTIGATION OF HATE MOTIVATED CRIMES

It is the policy of the Alameda Police Department to ensure that rights guaranteed by the United States Constitution and California State laws are protected.

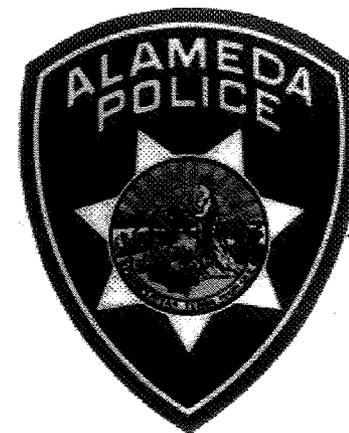
When these rights are infringed upon by acts of violence, threats, harassment, and intimidation, the Alameda Police Department shall actively pursue all available means designed to identify suspects, arrest, and bring them to justice.

The effects of hate crime can be devastating. victims often feel singled out, vulnerable and threatened. The Alameda Police Department is committed to not only completing a full investigation, but also assisting the victim in finding community services to assist them in their recovery.

For questions or comments, please call the Alameda Police Department's Community Oriented Police and Preventive Services Unit (COPPS) at (510) 337-8305.

HATE CRIMES

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



Alameda Police Department

1555 Oak Street

Alameda, CA 94501

(510) 337-8340

WHAT ARE HATE MOTIVATED CRIMES?

Hate motivated crimes are defined as “any criminal acts or attempted criminal acts to cause physical injury, emotional suffering, or property damage where there is reasonable cause to believe that the crime was motivated in whole or in part, by the characteristic or perceived characteristic of the victim’s race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or gender.”

Some examples of Hate Crimes are:

Causing physical injury to a person or damage to property because of any of the above characteristics.

Disturbing, vandalizing, or damaging a place of worship or religious activities.

Interfering by force or threat with a person’s constitutional rights because of any of the above characteristics.

Threatening violence (coupled with the apparent ability to follow through) using offensive words, written or verbal.

WHAT CAN YOU DO IF YOU ARE A VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME?

Report the incident to the Alameda Police Department. **For crimes in progress and medical emergencies, call 9-1-1 immediately.** For non-emergencies call 510-337-8340. The police will respond.

Once a police report has been made by the victim, an investigation will be started by the police department. When completed, the case will be sent to the Alameda County District Attorney’s Office for review.

If there is sufficient evidence that a crime has been committed, the District Attorney can file criminal charges against the suspects. Victims and witnesses may be called to testify in a court of law.

WHAT COMMUNITY SERVICES EXIST TO ASSIST A HATE CRIME VICTIM?

In addition to the Alameda Police Department:

1. Alamedans Together Against Hate (ATAH) 510-749-5811
2. Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC) 510-839-2900
3. Spanish Speaking Citizen’s Foundation 510-261-7839
4. United Filipinos-Alameda Inc 510-522-6420
5. Alameda Multicultural Community Center (AMCC) 510-521-9405
6. Alameda Family Services (Xanthos, Inc) 510-629-6300
7. Asian Community Mental Health Services 510-451-6729
8. Alameda C.A.R.E
alamedacare.org
alamedacare@yahoo.com
9. Alameda County District Attorney, Victim & Witness Assistance 510-272-6180
10. NAACP (Oakland) 510-652-8493