

**Fife Adult Support & Protection**

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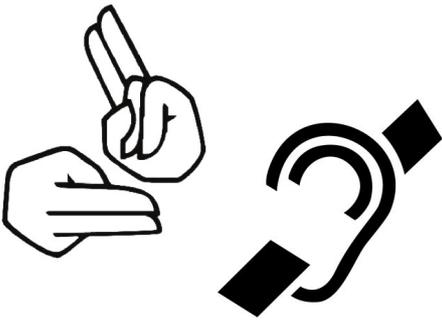
**Disability  
hate crime**



**Don't put  
up with it.**



**Report it.**



## Information for people who use British Sign Language or who have a hearing loss.

To report disability hate crime:

- If it is an emergency text the SMS Emergency number.



To register for this service send the word **register** as a text to **999**.

You will get a text back with more information.

If it is not an emergency:

- text Police Scotland SMS 24 hour number.  
or



- text Fife Council SMS number  
**07781 480 185**

(available 8am-8pm Mon-Fri).

Both these SMS services need you to register.

The Police SMS number will be sent to you when you have registered.

Get both registration forms at:

[www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection](http://www.fife.gov.uk/adultprotection).

They are in the sections called:

‘What will happen when I report harm?’





This booklet is about disability hate crime and harassment.



This booklet tell you about services that can support you and give you advice.



It tells you how to get in touch with them.



Read this booklet with someone who supports you.

You don't have to read it all in one go.



## What is hate crime?

Some people call it bullying or harassment.



Harassment is things like:

- calling you names



- hitting you



- damaging your home or your things



**The harassment of disabled people is a crime.**



## Where does hate crime happen?

Hate crime can happen anywhere.

You could be harassed by someone you know like a relative, a friend or neighbour, paid staff, a carer or volunteer, or by another disabled person.



Lots of disabled people do not report hate crime.

## Why should you report hate crime?

- It can help to stop it happening again
- It can help you to get support



- It will help people like the police and the Council to do something about it



- It will help make Fife a safer place to live.

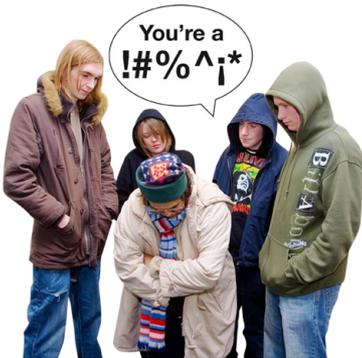




Harassment can happen when you are being picked on because of your disability.

Anti-social behaviour is a type of harassment.

Anti-social behaviour is when people are making you feel worried or frightened.



It can be things like:

- Shouting abuse and calling you names



- Threatening you or being violent



- Being very noisy (things like loud music, noisy parties, or shouting)



- Vandalism. This is when someone damages your property.

## What do I do if I am being harassed?



It is very important to tell someone.

There are lots of ways to report it.



If you **are** in danger, call **999**.



If it is **not** an emergency, call the Police on 101.



Anti-social behaviour, vandalism and noisy neighbours can all be reported online on the [Anti-social behaviour form](#) at: [www.fife.gov.uk](http://www.fife.gov.uk)



If someone has put graffiti on your property because you are a disabled person, report it and it will be cleaned in 48 hours.



I want to report hate crime or harassment but I don't want to call the Police.

What can I do?

You can:



- Call the Adult Protection Phone Line on **01383 602200**



- Use the online ['Anti-social behaviour form'](http://www.fife.gov.uk) at: [www.fife.gov.uk](http://www.fife.gov.uk)



- Call or visit a Third Party Reporting Centre.



Tell them as much as you can about what has happened to you.



## What do Third Party Reporting Centres do?



They will complete an online form for you and email it to the Police.



You don't have to put your name if you don't want to.



You can choose where and when to meet with the Police and if you want someone with you for support.



The form asks if you have any special requirements like needing an interpreter, hearing loop or wheelchair access.



## Third Party Reporting Centres in Fife

- Clued Up
- Fife Migrants Forum
- FRAE Fife  
(Fairness, Race Awareness and Equality)
- SAMH (Scottish Association for Mental Health)
- Victim Support Police Scotland P Division  
(Fife)



If you are already connected to one of these organisations they will help you to report disability hate crime.



People who use British Sign Language or who have a hearing loss can use the Deaf Communication Service as a Third Party Reporting Centre.



Text: **07984 356 580**

**Remember:**



Everyone has the right to live safely and not be frightened.



Disability harassment is wrong.



Don't put up with it.



Report it.

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## Alternative Formats

This information can be made available in large print, braille, audio CD and tape on request by calling 03451 55 55 00



## British Sign Language

please text (SMS) 07781 480 185



## BT Text Direct

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## Language lines

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