

Resources

Ontario Human Rights Commission
ohrc.on.ca

Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)
ontario.ca/laws/statute/05a11

Data Standards for the Identification and Monitoring of Systemic Racism
ontario.ca/document/data-standards-identification-and-monitoring-systemic-racism

York Region Centre for Community Safety
16775 Yonge St, Suite 200, Newmarket
905-836-7601
yrccs.ca

Victim Services of York Region
16775 Yonge St, Newmarket
905-953-5363
victimservices-york.org



To report an incident, please call
1-866-876-5423.

For more information, email
hatecrime@yrp.ca or
info@yrp.ca.



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York Regional Police

Hate Crime
Prevention
Unit



yrp.ca/HateCrimeUnit



What is a hate crime?

A hate crime is a criminal offence committed against a person or property, that is perceived to be motivated and/or is motivated, in whole or in part, by the suspect's hate, bias or prejudice based on protected grounds, or any other similar factor, under the *Ontario Human Rights Code*.

What is a hate/bias incident?

A hate/bias incident may include name calling, racial slurs or the distribution of material promoting prejudice and is motivated by the same factors as a hate crime, but might not be a criminal offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

What to do if you are the victim of a hate crime or hate/bias incident?

If you're a victim of a hate crime, or hate/bias incident, follow these steps:

- Call police immediately
- Stay calm
- Write down the details of the incident
- Keep all relevant evidence

Why is it important to report a hate crime or hate/bias incident?

Reporting is a key step to ending the cycle of hate. By reaching out to police, the incident can be addressed immediately and citizens can be connected to the services and supports they need to feel safe.

It also allows York Regional Police to track these incidents to determine how often they are occurring.

How can the York Regional Police Hate Crime Prevention Unit Help?

The Hate Crime Prevention Unit is comprised of a dedicated team of specially-trained officers who assist in investigations where hate may have played a role.

Our team also works in partnership with our diverse communities to develop strategies to combat hate in York Region through prevention, education and enforcement.

You can contact a member of the Hate Crime Unit at hatecrime@yrp.ca.

In an emergency, please call 9-1-1.

To anonymously report a crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-888-222-TIPS



What is the Ontario Human Rights Code?

The *Ontario Human Rights Code*, the first in Canada, was enacted in 1962. The code prohibits actions that discriminate against people based on a protected ground as listed below:

Protected grounds are:

- Age
- Ancestry, colour, race
- Citizenship
- Ethnic origin
- Place of origin
- Creed
- Disability
- Family status
- Marital status (including single status)
- Gender identity, gender expression
- Sex (including pregnancy and breastfeeding)
- Sexual orientation

