

Other Agencies You May Want To Contact

If you, or someone you know would like to report a hate crime or bias incident, you can contact the **Hate Crimes Hotline at (562) 433-8595**, which is monitored by The LGBTQ Center of Greater Long Beach and The Human Dignity Program.

Other agencies that may assist you include:

The City of Long Beach Long Beach Police Department.....	Emergency 911
Long Beach Police Department -Violent Crimes Detail	(562) 570-7250
Long Beach City Prosecutor.....	(562) 570-5600
Human Dignity Program Hate Crimes Response Team ..	(562) 570-6730
<i>Community-Based Organizations</i>	
The Anti-Defamation League (ADL) 320 N. Broadway, Santa Ana, CA 92701	(714) 953-2860
Asian Pacific American Legal Center 1145 Wilshire Blvd., 2 nd Floor #200, Los Angeles, CA 90017 (213) 202-6110	
The California Conference for Equality and Justice (CCEJ) 3711 Long Beach Blvd. Ste. 1017, Long Beach, CA 90807 ...	(562) 435-8184
The LGBTQ Center of Greater Long Beach (The Center) 2017 E 4 th Street, Long Beach, CA 90814	(562) 434-4455
United Cambodian Community 2201 E Anaheim Street #200, Long Beach, CA 90804	(562) 433-2490
Victims of Crime Resource Counseling Center: Norwalk.....	(310) 534-7300
Cerritos.....	(562) 402-0414
The Long Beach Trauma Recovery Center: St. Mary's Medical Center 1050 Linden Ave., Ste. 801, Long Beach, CA 90813.....	(562) 491-7977
<i>Los Angeles County</i>	
District Attorney: Long Beach Branch.....	(562) 247-2000
Violent Crime Victim/Witness Assistance Program	(562) 247-2068

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We Care About Your Safety

How to Report And Protect Yourself Against Hate Crimes



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We Prevent We Educate We Respond We Celebrate

What is a Hate Crime?

- ✓ A hate crime, as defined in section 422.55 of the California Penal Code, is a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: **Disability, gender, nationality, race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation** – or because of the victim's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Note: A "Bias-Motivated Incident" is different than a hate crime, in that it is a non-criminal action or behavior that is motivated by hate, but is protected by the First Amendment right to freedom of expression. *Examples include name-calling, distribution of hate material in public places and the display of offensive hate-motivated material on one's property. Graffiti on an overpass would also be considered a bias-motivated incident, as graffiti needs to be directed at a specific target to be considered a hate crime.*

Regardless, all forms of hate should be reported to the City's Human Dignity Program to be documented at (562) 570-6730.

Know Your Rights!

California Civil code 51.7 states: "All persons within the jurisdiction of this state have the right to be free from any violence, or intimidation by threat of violence, committed against their persons or property because of their race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, disability, or position in a labor dispute, or because another person perceives them to have one or more of these characteristics."

Any person who violates section 51.7 is liable for each and every offense for the actual damage suffered by any person determined by a court of law. Damages shall be paid to the victim by the offender as follows:

- ◆ Up to a maximum of three times the amount of actual damages.
- ◆ A civil penalty of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000); and
- ◆ Attorney's fees as may be determined by the court.



The City of Long Beach Human Dignity Policy (Est. 1998)

"Everyone should be treated with courtesy and respect, regardless of their racial background, their nation of origin, the religion they practice, their sexual orientation, gender, or disability status...It is the right of all residents to pursue their daily lives with the knowledge that they will not be threatened with violence or physical harm...The City will vigorously fight criminal activity known as hate crimes with all resources at its disposal."

If You Have Been the Victim of a Hate Crime or Bias-Motivated Incident:

Call the Long Beach Police Department
In an emergency, call: **9-1-1**
For a non-emergency, call: **(562) 435-6711**

Call the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program
Hate Crime Response Team
562-570-6730 [Hotline]

You may also call the Hate Crimes Hotline monitored by The LGBTQ Center of Greater Long Beach at (562) 433-8595.

When the police officers arrive, you can expect to be treated professionally. The officers will document the facts and call a field supervisor to the scene. If the assailant uses derogatory names, inform the officer so it may be added to the report. You will be given a crime report number to follow the progress of your case. If you wish, the City of Long Beach Human Dignity Program Hate Crimes Response Team can contact and/or visit you to offer support and helpful resources.

How to Avoid Danger...

- ✧ Avoid walking alone
- ✧ Walk confidently
- ✧ Lock your car at all times
- ✧ Don't be brave! If you're in danger, yell, blow a whistle, or run!
- ✧ Stay in well lit areas
- ✧ Always have your keys ready
- ✧ Do not respond to verbal taunts

A Special Message from the LONG BEACH POLICE CHIEF'S LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER AND QUESTIONING (LGBTQ) ADVISORY GROUP

When we in the LGBTQ community tolerate acts of violence against us, or refuse to report these crimes, we send the message that we can be victims of attacks and the suspects pay no price for perpetrating these crimes. The past tells us that LGBTQ victims have been reluctant to contact the police for fear that their assault may not be treated appropriately by officers. Many leaders of our community have worked hard to establish increased awareness and sensitivity within the Long Beach Police Department, and we believe that goal has been realized. We must report these crimes, and work with the police department in bringing them to justice.