



## Hate Crimes Task Force



**We are one  
people and  
one New York.**

**We will not  
tolerate  
hate crimes.**

## What is a hate crime?

- Under New York State Law, a person commits a hate crime when he or she targets a victim because of a perception or belief about the victim's race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation, even if that perception or belief is incorrect.
- Hate crimes can be perpetrated against an individual, a group, or against public or private property. For example, hanging a noose or painting a swastika could be deemed hate crimes.

## What can I do?

- If you are a victim of a crime, suspect that a crime is in progress, or if there is risk of physical injury or serious damage to property, **call 911 immediately.**
- To report incidents of bias-motivated threats, harassment or discrimination, call New York's toll free hotline: **1-888-392-3644** or text **"HATE" to 81336.**



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