

Reporting Race Hate Crimes or Discrimination

Unless someone is in danger, it is important to have the permission of the victim before you take action. Many people fear making the situation worse by making a complaint. Where people are willing, there are a number of ways of reporting the incident.

The **Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI)** has published *Hate Crime, Racial Incidents: Protecting your Rights*. This is available in Urdu, Hindi, Arabic, Italian, Portuguese, Traditional Chinese, and Simplified Chinese.

www.psni.police.uk/hate_crime_leaflet_-_racist1.pdf

The PSNI has trained **Hate Incident and Minority Liaison Officers** in each area.

You can report a hate crime online at

www.urzone.com/hatecrime/hatecrime.asp

In an emergency you should dial **999**, and for non-emergency calls phone **0845 600 8000**.

The **Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities (NICEM)** also has an **Online Incident Report Form**.

www.nicem.org.uk/services/support-to-victims-of-racial-harassment-and-discrimination/report-an-incident

The **Northern Ireland Housing Executive (NIHE)** encourages reporting of neighbourhood harassment to their district offices. Contact details can be found at www.nihe.gov.uk/index/yn_home/your_nearest/district_office.htm

They have also published a **Hate Harrassment Support Pack** for groups that are likely to be targeted:

www.nihe.gov.uk/hate_harrassment_support_pack.pdf

There are local initiatives in some areas, for example, in South Belfast the Chinese Welfare Association and the Polish Association NI support bilingual community safety advocates, Simon Ling, CWA, Mobile **07888 398630**, Tel: **028 9028 8277**, E-mail simon@cwa-ni.org or Aleksandra Lojek-Magdziarz on Mobile: **07916 574225**.

The **Belfast Migrant Centre** offers racial harassment support **02890438962**

www.belfastmigrantcentre.org/

The **Equality Commission for Northern Ireland** is the body responsible for preventing discrimination and promoting equality. It covers various areas of discrimination including gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, marital status and religious or political belief. If you want advice from the Equality Commission about unlawful discrimination contact them on:

discriminationadvice@equalityni.org or by telephone on **(028)908 90890**

(Enquiry Line).