**Hate Crime**

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| **Sample social media posts** | **Graphics/Images to accompany** |
| A hate incident is any incident that is not a criminal offence, but something which is perceived by the victim to be motivated by hate/prejudice. If you have experienced a #HateIncident & would like support, contact VSS 0800 160 1985 / victimsupport.scot | Hate crime 1 or 2 |
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| A hate crime is any offence that has been committed when there has been an aggravation based on prejudice of any of the five groups protected by law. If you have experienced a #HateCrime & would like support, contact VSS 0800 160 1985 / victimsupport.scot | Hate crime 1 or 2 |
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| A #HateCrime or #HateIncident can be extremely frightening and leave you feeling anxious and violated. VSS can provide personalised support to help you feel safer. You don’t need to report the crime to receive our help. Contact: 0800 160 1985 / http://victimsupport.scot | Don’t need to report a crime  |
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| If you or someone you care about has been affected by #HateCrime, please know that you are not alone. Whoever you are, whatever the situation and whenever the crime took place, VSS can help.   Contact today on 0800 160 1985 / http://victimsupport.scot (8am-8pm, M-F)  | Hate crime or incident |
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| If you have been affected by #HateCrime, VSS are here for you. Their trained supporters will listen as you talk about your experiences & help you feel better informed of your rights. If you need a listening ear, call: 0800 160 1985 or visit victimsupport.scot  | Whatever the crime  |
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| If you’ve been targeted for your race, religion; disability; sexual orientation or transgender identity, VSS is on hand. They offer free help & support to everybody. You don't need to report a crime to get help from them. Contact: 0800 160 1985 / http://victimsupport.scot    | Hate crime or incident |
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| If you’ve been a victim of a #HateCrime VSS can help no matter when the crime took place.  - You don't have to report the crime - Service is free, non-judgmental & impartial   Contact them today: 0800 160 1985 / http://victimsupport.scot (8am-8pm, M-F)  | Whatever the crime  |