

Hate Crime

We are here
to **support**
you...

Solving **Helping**
Listening Adv
Understanding
Talking Protecting
Responding **Caring**
Informing
Advising Advocating
Safeguarding

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Merton LGBT Forum

The Merton LGBT Forum is a volunteer run non-profit, non-political organisation set up to help all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans* people who live, work or study in Merton.

Working with the local police to support victims of homophobic and transphobic hate crime, we act as a liaison, redirecting to major organisations for help such as Galop and Victim Support. Contact us via info@mertonlgbtforum.org.uk



Merton Centre for Independent Living

Merton Centre for Independent Living provide advice and advocacy to disabled people on a wide range of issues, such as benefits, housing, community care and hate crime. Our services are both FREE and available to disabled people in The London Borough of Merton. Contact us on **020 3397 3119** or email us at info@mertoncil.org.uk



Victim Support

We are independent from the police and you do not have to report a crime to the police to receive our help. You can contact us at any time regardless of how long ago the crime happened. Call us for free on **08 08 16 89 111**.



Safer Merton

We are responsible for working with partners to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour within Merton. We commission services to deliver support to victims of crime and work with our partners to take action against those who commit offences. Contact us on **020 8545 4146** or via www.merton.gov.uk/safermerton



Crimestoppers

We are an independent charity helping law enforcement to locate criminals and help solve crimes. You do not have to give us your name or any of your personal details. Call us on **0800 555 111** or report online via **www.crimestoppers-uk.org**



Metropolitan Police

The Metropolitan Police are here to ensure your safety and to tackle crime in all its forms. Tackling hate crime is a priority for the police and we will always seek to take action against perpetrators of hate wherever possible. If you are a victim of hate crime, please call us on **999** for immediate response, or **101** in non-emergency situations.



Working together for a safer London

Merton Safeguarding Children Board and Merton Safeguarding Adults Board

Merton's Safeguarding Children and Adults Boards celebrate Merton's diverse communities. Merton is a safe place for all people. Hate crime of all kinds damages individuals and communities and will not be tolerated.



Merton Safeguarding Adults Board

Polish Family Association

Polish Family Association provide advice and support in the fields of hate crime, well-being, education, health, social and economic deprivation. We offer a full range of services with the aim of improving our members' circumstances and to enable self-sufficiency. We work in English and Polish and provide advocacy when required. Please contact **info@polishfamily.org.uk** or call **07398 104 461**.



What is hate crime?

A hate crime is when someone commits a crime against you because of your disability, gender, identity, race, sexual orientation, religion or any other actual or perceived difference.

It doesn't just mean physical violence. Someone using offensive language towards you, or harassing you because of who you are or who they think you are, is also a crime.

Tell someone

It is not OK to be targeted because of who you are. You might want to shrug it off if it happens to you. But if you tell us, we can investigate and stop it from getting worse.

Additional Contacts

Metropolitan Police

If you're in immediate danger contact **999**

To report a hate crime call **101**

For anti-Muslim incidents

Tell MAMA on **0800 456 1226**

WhatsApp **07341 846 086**

Or at **tellmamauk.org**

For anti-Semitic incidents

Call Community Safety Trust (CST) on

020 8457 9999

Or report online at **cst.org.uk**

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