Hate Crime

Hate crime is when someone picks on you because they think you are different in some way. This can be because of things like

- Where you come from
- Your disability
- Your religion
- Being gay, lesbian or transgender

Hate crime can be lots of different things like

- Bullying you
- Stealing from you
- Breaking or damaging your things
- Hitting you
- Calling you names
- Writing rude things about you

Hate crime is wrong

You do not have to put up with it.

If these things are happening to you or someone you know tell the police about it and we can work together to stop it happening.
Reporting hate crime

If you have been a victim or have seen a hate crime it is important that you report it.

- We take all reports of hate crime very seriously
- We make sure victims of hate crime get the best possible support
- Reporting hate crime can stop it from happening to someone else

There are lots of ways to report hate crime

- In an emergency telephone: 999
- Durham Police telephone: 101
- Call in to a local police station
- Crimestoppers telephone: 0800 555 111
- Report online at www.report-it.org.uk

For general advice contact

- Citizen’s Advice Bureau Telephone: 08444 111 444 www.citizensadvice.org.uk
- Victim Support Telephone: 08542 770 977 www.victimsupport.org.uk
- Equality and Human Rights Commission telephone: 08088 000 084 www.equalityhumanrights.com
- Social Care Direct Telephone: 03000 267 979 www.durham.gov.uk/hatecrime