

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: HATE CRIMES PREVENTION



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Have you been the victim of a hate crime?

What is a hate crime?

Examples include racial slurs and rudeness, such as spitting, name-calling, indirect discrimination in the workplace, physical assaults against people resulting in loss of life, and damage to property, including Gurdwaras (Sikh houses of worship) and homes.

UNITED SIKHS works in partnership with other organizations to raise awareness of hate/bias-related incidents and crimes, and to promote the practice of reporting such incidents. **Please help UNITED SIKHS by reporting all such incidents at law-usa@unitedsikhs.org or at 1-646-688-3525, or by filling out the form at <http://www.unitedsikhs.org/reporthe.php>, no matter how insignificant you may feel they were.**

Please also ensure that you do report hate/bias-related crimes/incidents to the police, as they can only act if they are made aware of such incidents.





What can you do?

- Be alert and vigilant!
- Participate in education and awareness efforts about who Sikhs are and the importance of articles of faith.
- Know your rights. Be informed in case you are involved or witness a hate crime.

Steps to Take When Reporting a Hate Crime:

1. Report the hate crime immediately to the local Police Department and ask that the incident be treated as a “hate crime.” Contact UNITED SIKHS at law-usa@unitedsikhs.org or at 1-646-688-3525.
2. Document the incident. Write down exactly what was said and/or done by the offender. Get names of witnesses. Save evidence. Take photographs.
3. Act quickly. The incident must be dealt with as soon as possible and without delay.