How to report crime and hate crime

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What is a crime?

A crime is when someone breaks the law by doing something wrong.

A crime can be things like

- hitting or kicking

- taking or breaking things

- calling names.

It is wrong for anyone to do these things to you.

If something happens you should report it to the police.

This booklet tells you how you can report it.

Calling the police to report a crime

Call 999 if it is an emergency.

It is only an emergency if

- the crime is happening now

- someone is hurt.

Call 101 if it is not an emergency.

It is not an emergency if no one is hurt and the person has gone.

If you find it hard to hear or talk

Text 18000 in an emergency

Text 18001 if it is **not** an emergency

Going to the police station

You can go to the police station to report a crime.

Sometimes the police station is very busy so you may have to wait a little while.

If you want to you can fill in a form about the crime and bring it with you to the police station.

You can get a form from
www.report-it.org.uk/files/report-it-form-secure.pdf

Reporting a crime on our website

You can report some crimes by going to
www.online.met.police.uk

Ask someone to help you if you find this hard to do.

Hate crimes

Hate Crime is when someone treats you badly because they do not like something about you, like

- your disability

- the country you are from

- your religion.

Tell the police if you think a hate crime has happened.

Why should I report it?

You should report crime to the police so they can

- try to find out who has done something wrong

- try to stop the crime happening again.

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