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Contacting EGM

If you would like to make a comment, compliment or complaint, please contact us using one of the following methods:

tel: 01245 250 256

text: 07949 348820

email: info@essexgaymen.org.uk

web: www.essexgaymen.org.uk

post: EGM c/o Maldon & District CVS,
Holloway Road, Heybridge, EssexCM9 4ER

You can also speak to a volunteer in person at any of our 'drop in' meetings.

NB: Certain complaints and representations are not covered by EGM's complaints policy, for example, where legal issues may apply.



Providing support, inspiration, mutual respect & friendship

Hate Crime

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Anti-gay hate crime is any criminal offence directed specifically at someone who is - or who is thought to be - lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender.



The Criminal Justice Act 2003 introduced tougher sentences for offences motivated by hatred of the victim's sexual orientation.



The Police have specially trained officers who can assist and support victims away from the Police Station where the harassment or crime is motivated by someone's race, religion, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation or disability.

Examples of Hate Crime

- Physical attacks on the person or to property including arson and assault
- Threats of attack – offensive letters, texts, emails and abusive or nuisance telephone calls
- Groups hanging around to intimidate & graffiti
- Unfounded malicious complaints, verbal abuse or insults, offensive leaflets
- Dumping of rubbish outside homes or through letterboxes
- Bullying in the workplace or college

Specially Trained Police

The Police can only do something about Hate Crime if it is reported.

The information gathered can help the police identify areas gay men are at higher risk and stop someone else being a victim of hate crime in the future.

Telephone Essex Police on:

0300 333 4444

Ask to speak to your local **Hate Crime & Domestic Violence Unit.**

*REMEMBER :
If you are in personal danger or see a crime taking place you should ring 999 to report it immediately*

Anonymous Reporting

Essex Gay Men is recognized by Essex Police as a Hate Crime Reporting Centre. Contact us to help arrange a meeting with a sympathetic police Officer or report hate crime anonymously.

Any type of hate crime can be reported anonymously, using our hate crime form. To complete a form, visit: www.essexgaymen.org.uk/hate_crime

Resources

GALOP

Is a gay charity that provide lots information and useful factsheets
www.galop.org.uk or telephone 020 7704 2040

VICTIM SUPPORT

Offers support for victims of hate crime and can be contacted on 0845 456 5995 or visit www.victimsupport.org.uk



CRIME STOPPERS

Tel 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestoppers-uk.org