

California vs Hate is a non-emergency reporting system designed to support individuals and communities targeted for hate. Together with organizations across the state, we can make California a more inclusive and safer place for all.



# **PROGRAM GOALS**

- Help individuals and communities targeted for hate
- Identify options for next steps after an act of hate
- Connect people targeted for hate with culturally competent resources and care coordination services
- Improve hate incident and crime reporting data to enhance prevention and response

# PARTNER WITH CALIFORNIA VS HATE

Your voice matters in the fight to reduce hate. We need your help to make all Californians aware of this critical resource in the effort to support people and stop hate.

- Visit our website for free, shareable graphics and posters
- Drive awareness by promoting California vs Hate as a resource that you share with your community
- Reach out to info@cavshate.org to get in touch with our team for more opportunities

# FAQ

#### How do I report hate?

Any victim of or witness to a hate incident or crime in California can report it and receive support any time at CAvsHate.org. You can also call **833-8-NO-HATE**; (833) 866-4283 Monday - Friday from 9:00 am - 6:00 pm. If outside of those hours, you can leave a voicemail, or you can call 211 to report hate and seek support.

You can currently submit reports online in 15 languages and, when calling the hotline, you can get access to support in over 200 languages.

If you want to report a hate crime to law enforcement immediately or you are in present danger, please call 911.

#### What happens after you report?

Callers will be connected with a professional trained in culturally competent communication and trauma-informed practices.

Whether you report online or by phone, you will be contacted by a care coordinator who will follow up with you to ensure you are able to access resources and support, including legal, financial, mental health, and mediation services.

#### Can I remain anonymous?

All reports are confidential and can be made anonymously. Whether or not you report anonymously, your identity will not be disclosed without your consent unless required by law.

## Is law enforcement involved?

California vs Hate is not run by the police. Your report will not be shared with law enforcement without your consent. We will only connect you with law enforcement if you request it. Our team can share information about how to report to police or local prosecutors if needed.

California vs Hate will also identify civil legal options that don't involve the criminal legal system, both through the Civil Rights Department and other agencies.

#### What if I am undocumented?

You do not need to disclose your immigration status when you report with California vs Hate. Hotline services are provided for free, regardless of immigration status.

## Why is it important to report?

Reporting will stop the normalization of hate in our communities, and ensure impacted individuals get the help they need.

## **DEFINING ACTS OF HATE**

## What is a hate incident?

A hostile expression or action that may be motivated by bias against another person's actual or perceived identity(ies) and/or because that person is a part of a protected group. Perpetrators may be motivated by different discriminatory biases, including, but not limited to, bias on the basis of race, color, disability, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or gender identity. There are two main kinds of hate incidents – (1) acts of hate that are not crimes but violate civil rights laws, and (2) acts of hate that may not violate the law but still cause significant harm in a community.

#### What is a hate crime?

Under California law, a hate crime is a criminal act committed, in whole or in part, because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim: disability, gender, gender identity, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation; or because of the person's association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.