

Antisemitic Hate Incident

What is anti-Semitism?

Anti-Semitism is an indiscriminate negative perception or emotion towards Jews or Judaism rooted in racism and religion-based prejudice. These negative emotions are expressed as an exaggerated fear, hatred, and hostility toward Jews or individuals perceived as Jews. This is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting in discrimination and the marginalization and exclusion of Jews from social, political, and civic life.

What is an anti-semitic hate incident?

A noncriminal act motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias, or hate towards Jews. When someone is hurtful or offensive towards those practicing Judaism or those perceived as Jews by using derogatory language, symbols or actions that affect the sense of safety of the person or group of persons.

Examples

- Classmates make fun of a Jewish student, while raising their arms and saying, “Heil Hitler”
- Groups denounce the existence of the holocaust where thousands of Jewish people were killed
- A swastika symbol and a derogatory slur is drawn on the snow in a Jewish neighborhood

What is an Antisemitic hate crime?

A criminal offence motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias ,or hate towards Jews, someone perceived as practicing Judaism, a group of Jews, worshipers of Judaism , or a place of worship (i.e., synagogues).

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Examples

- A man distributes pamphlets with anti-Semitic messages and a website that promotes conspiracy theories against Jewish people.
- A group mails threatening anti-Semitic messages to a synagogue ue.
- Swastika symbols are drawn on a synagogue .
- A youth assaults and says derogatory slurs to a boy who is wearing a kippah.

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The Law

According to the Criminal Code of Canada ss. 718.2(a)(i), a sentence should be increased to account for aggravating circumstances such as evidence that the offence was motivated by bias, prejudice or hate.

Based on the Criminal Code of Canada ss. 430. (4.1) everyone who commits mischief in relation to a religious property if the reason of the mischief is motivated by bias, prejudice or hate based on any of the protected grounds (a) is guilty of an indictable offence and liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years; or (b) is guilty of an offence punishable on summary conviction.

Other sections of the Canadian criminal code specifically deal with hate crime. S.318, s.319, s.

Unwanted jokes or insults when they are targeted at Jews or Judaism are considered harassment, this is a form of discrimination and prohibited by the Alberta Human Rights Act.



Report it!

If you or someone else is in immediate danger call 911.

If you are targeted as a Jew or for practicing Judaism with a hate incident/crime or suspect someone is, contact law enforcement:

Calgary	Calgary Police Service	403-266-1234
Edmonton	Edmonton Police Service	780-423-4567
Lethbridge	Lethbridge Police Service	403-328-4444
Wood Buffalo	RCMP	780-788-4040

If you are not ready to report to the police, call the number below to receive support, information and report the incident:

**B'nai Brith Canada's anti-hate hotline and anti-hate online incident form:
1-844-218-2624 or by E-mail: reportanincident@bnaibrith.ca
Website: www.bnaibrith.ca**

Want to file a human rights complaint?

If a hate incident or discrimination is committed by a co-worker, employer, prospective employer (i.e., during applying for employment), service provider, landlord, or involves the public display of materials, you may be able to make a human rights complaint.

For information contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission:

Confidential inquiry: (403)-297 – 6571. www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

Document any hate incidents at:
Stophateab.ca

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