

Indigenous Ancestry Hate Incident

What is an Indigenous ancestry hate?

Hate around Indigenous ancestry encompasses a range of negative attitudes and feelings towards Indigenous peoples, including First Nations, Metis, and Inuit. This can take the form of fear, aversion, hatred, violence, anger, or discomfort which is then directed at members or perceived members of the Indigenous community.

What is an Indigenous ancestry hate incident?

A noncriminal act motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias, or hate towards a specific person or identifiable group of persons due to their Indigenous background. Something is a Indigenous ancestry hate incident when it is carried out because of hostility or a negative opinion towards a member or perceived member of the Indigenous community.

A hate incident can involve derogatory language, symbols, or actions that affect the sense of safety of the person or group of persons.

Examples

- Name calling someone that is Indigenous
- Security guards assuming that Indigenous Peoples are going to steal from a store
- Making derogatory comments on social media towards Indigenous communities that affect the sense of safety of a person or community

What is an Indigenous ancestry Hate Crime?

A criminal offence motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias, or hate towards a specific person, identifiable group of persons or property due to their their family descent or lineage.

When a hate incident becomes a criminal offence, it's known as a hate crime. This is a criminal offence motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias or hate towards a specific person, identifiable group of persons or property due to their Indigenous ancestry



Examples

- A group of people see an Indigenous person walking down the street, so they push that person and call them a slur.
- A person posts hateful comments on social media inciting others to hurt Indigenous people.
- Someone leaves a note on someone's front door stating "You don't belong here, leave before you get hurt".

The Law

According to the Criminal Code of Canada subsection 718.2(a)(i), a sentence should be increased to account for aggravating circumstances relating to evidence that the offence was motivated by bias, prejudice, or hate. Other sections of the Canadian Criminal Code that specifically deal with hate crime; S.318, s.319, and s.430. Unwanted jokes or insults when they occur for someone's ancestry are considered harassment, this is as a form of discrimination and is prohibited by the Alberta Human Rights Act.

Report it!

If you are a targeted because of Ancestry hate crime/incident or suspect someone is, contact law enforcement. If you are not ready to contact the police, call the number below to receive support.

To report criminal related hate: 911

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

You are not alone! For support, information, and reporting of an ancestry hate incident contact:

In Calgary:

Aboriginal Friendship Centre of Calgary
phone: (403) 270-7379
E-mail: info@afccalgary.org

In Edmonton:

Canadian Native Friendship Centre
11728 - 95 Street
Edmonton, Alberta, T5G 1L9
Phone: 780-761-1900

In Red Deer :

Red Deer Native Friendship Society
4808 51 Ave, Red Deer, AB T4N 4H3
Phone: (403) 340-0020

In Lethbridge:

Sik-Ooh-Kotok Friendship Society
1709 2 Ave S, Lethbridge,
AB T1J 0E8
(403) 328-2414

Provincial:

Alberta Native Friendship Centres Association

In Wood Buffalo:

RMWB Pulse Line
780-743-7000

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.

If you believe you have experienced discrimination as a result of racial profiling (in a contexts where authority figures are employed to address issues of safety, security or public protection) based on your race or other similar characteristics, you may be able to make a complaint with the Commission.

For information contact the Alberta Human Rights Commission:

Confidential inquiry: (780) 427 – 7661 www.albertahumanrights.ab.ca

To learn more: <http://coalitionscreatingequity.ca/>

Document any hate incidents at:

Stophateab.ca

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