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An indiscriminate negative perception or emotions for Muslims or Islam rooted on racism and religion-based prejudice and expressed as an exaggerated fear, hatred, and hostility toward Islam and Muslims or non-Muslims individuals perceived as Muslims that is perpetuated by negative stereotypes resulting in discrimination and the marginalization and exclusion of Muslims from social, political and civic life.

What is an anti-Muslim/Islamophobic hate incident?

A noncriminal act motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias, or hate towards Muslims or individuals perceived as Muslims.

In other words, when someone is hurtful or offensive towards those practicing Islamic faith, or those perceived as Muslim, by using derogatory language, symbols, or actions that affect the sense of safety of a person or group of persons.



When a crime is committed and the media identifies someone as Muslim, community members confront a Muslim neighbour and demand they denounce the crime

Examples



A Sikh student (Sikhism is a unique religion and not related to Islam, but many conflate the two) is called offensive names and derogatory Islamophobic slurs



A contractor makes sexual jokes about the hijab to a Muslim woman at her workplace

What is an Islamophobic hate crime?

A criminal offence motivated in whole or in part by prejudice, bias, or hate towards a Muslim, a group of Muslims, worshipers of the Islamic faith, places of worship (i.e., mosques), or towards someone perceived as practicing the Islamic faith.

“ Example:

- Someone honks a horn at a Muslim woman, screams “go back to your own country” and then tries to run her car off the road.
- Defacing, destroying places of worship, mosques, or graffiti in and around mosques.
- Making a comment on social media that promotes the incitement of hatred against Muslims, which could potentially lead to cause harm to a person or property.

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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.

Based on the Criminal Code of Canada subsection 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 that specifically deal with hate crime; S.318, and s.319.



Report it!

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

If you are targeted as a Muslim or for your faith 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:

Alberta Muslim Public Affairs Council (AMPAC)

Phone: 780-288-8299

website: <https://ampac.ca>

Want to file a human rights complaint?

If a hate incident is committed by a co-worker, employer, prospect employer (application of employment), service provider, landlord, or involves the public display of materials (publication), 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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