

CRESCENT CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Office of the Chief - Richard Griffin - 707-464-2133 "DEDICATED TO THE COMMUNITY"



Hate crimes Brochure AB 485 - A Brief Guide to Hate Crimes

How to Protect Yourself and Your Community

Our Commitment

It is the commitment of the Crescent City Police Department to safeguard the rights of all individuals irrespective of their disability, gender, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, and/or association with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics. Any acts or threats of violence, property damage, harassment, intimidation, or other crimes motivated by hate or bias should be viewed very seriously and given high priority.

This commitment demonstrates how the Crescent City Police Department may best use its resources to investigate and solve an offense, in addition to building community trust and increasing police legitimacy.

What is a hate crime?

"Hate crime" means 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, nationality, race or ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or who associates with a person or group with one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics.

Who can be a victim of a hate crime?

A victim is any person who is threatened or injured or has his/her property damaged because of their race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation. However, a victim may also be threatened or injured because the perpetrator perceives the victim to be of a certain race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, disability, gender or sexual orientation.

A victim may also be a public agency or private institution if property damage occurs because the public agency or private institution is identified or associated with a person or group of identifiable race, color, religion, nationality, country of origin, ancestry, gender, disability, or sexual orientation.

Do you believe you are the victim of a hate crime?

Call the police immediately.

Seek medical attention, if needed.

Document the details about the incident which may be helpful to responding officers/deputies.

Photograph any damage to property.

Save any evidence which might assist in the apprehension and prosecution of the perpetrator

Obtain name(s) and contact information of any other victims and/or witnesses.

You do not need to reveal your sexual orientation, religious preference, or national origin in order to prosecute a hate crime.

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California Civil Remedies

You have certain rights under the California Constitution's Victim Bill of Rights. You may be entitled to information about the prosecution of the perpetrator, and you have the right to present a victim impact statement at the time of sentencing.

You may be entitled to restitution for any loss, damage, or injury that you may incur.

You are also protected under the Ralph Act and the Bane Act. Under these laws, a court may award money to you. The court may require the person who has violated your rights to pay a civil penalty to you, money to compensate you for the harm you actually suffered, and/ or an additional amount of money designated to punish the person and to deter future violations of these laws.

The court may also issue a restraining order or other injunctive order to protect you from further harm and may order the person who has harmed you to pay your attorney's fees if you have hired an attorney.

California Hate Crimes

- **P.C. 190.2 (a)(16)** Special Circumstances for Imposition of Death Penalty or Life Without Parole if the victim was intentionally killed because of race, color, religion, nationality or country of origin
- **P.C. 190.03(a)** Special Circumstances for Life without Possibility of Parole if the victim was intentionally killed because of their disability, gender or sexual orientation or a perception they have one of those characteristics
- P.C. 302 Disorderly conduct at Church Service (Misdemeanor)
- **P.C. 422.6** Use of Force, Threats or Destruction of Property to Interfere with Another's Exercise of Civil Rights (Misdemeanor)
- P.C. 422.7 Commission of Crime for Purpose of Interfering with Another's Exercise of Civil Rights (Felony)
- P.C. 422.9 Violation of Civil Order (Bane Act) Protecting Exercise of Civil Rights (Misdemeanor)
- **P.C. 422.75** Enhancement for felony committed because of victim's race, color, religion, nationality, country of origin, ancestry, disability, gender or sexual orientation (1-3 years prison)
- P.C. 594.3 Vandalism, Place of Worship or cemetery (Felony)
- **P.C. 640.2** Placing Handbill, Notice or Advertisement on Consumer Product or Product or Package without authorization (Misdemeanor)
- **P.C. 11411** Terrorizing (e.g., placing Nazi swastika on private property or burning a cross on private property) (Misdemeanor)
- **P.C. 11412** Religious Terrorism (Felony)

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P.C. 11413 - Use of Explosives in Acts of Terrorism in Specified Places (e.g., health facility, church, temple) (Felony)

If the crime offense was not committed because of a bias, an appropriate criminal charge may still be filed. No person shall be convicted of a hate crime based on speech alone unless it is a specific threat of violence and the person had the apparent ability to carry out the threat.

Law enforcement Directory

Crescent City Police Department

Website - https://www.crescentcity.org/departments/Police

Phone - 707-464-2133

Location – 686 G Street, Crescent City, CA 95531

Del Norte County District Attorney

Phone: (707) 464-7210

Location - 450 H Street, Room 171, Crescent City, CA 95531

Victims Witness Office

Email - victimwitness@co.del-norte.ca.us

Phone - (707) 464-7273

Location - 450 H Street, Room 182, Crescent City, CA 95531

California Highway Patrol

Phone- 707-218-2000

Location – 1630 Summer Lane, Crescent City, CA 95531

Del Norte County Sheriff's Office

Phone Numbers - (707) 464-4191

Location - 650 Fifth Street, Crescent City, CA, 95531

Yurok Tribal Police Department

Phone - (707) 482-8185

Location - 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548