



WHAT IS HATE CRIME?

The Law says what people can and cannot do. When people break the Law, it may be a crime.

Any crime can be a Hate Crime

Hate Crime is when people are victims of a crime because of who they are.

Hate Crime is a crime against someone, or a group of people because

- of their **race**
- of their **religious belief** or because they **don't have a religious belief**
- they have a **disability**
- they are **gay, lesbian** or **bisexual**
- they are **transgender**

Some examples of Hate Crime are:

- someone saying hurtful things to you
- being hit, pushed or hurt
- stealing from you
- threats to your family



Hate Crime can start off small and then get worse and worse. For example, someone walking home gets called names. The next day they get things thrown at them. The day after they get hit. This is called **escalation**.



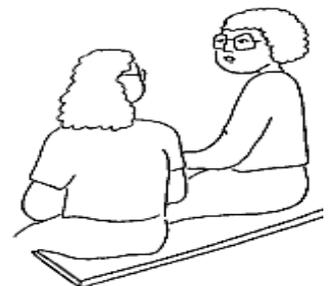
HATE CRIME IS ALWAYS WRONG

St Leger Homes wants to stop Hate Crime.



WHAT WE WANT TO DO ABOUT HATE CRIME

We want to help everyone to trust that the Law will protect them.



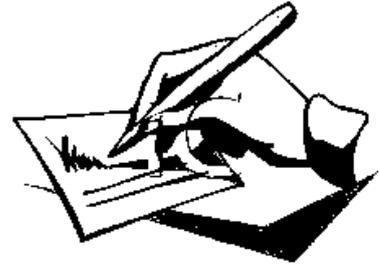
We want to stop Hate Crimes from happening, or getting more serious.



We want to make sure that it is easier for people who have been the victims of Hate Crime, to get support.

WHAT WE ARE GOING TO DO

Give victims information that is easy to understand, and easy ways to report Hate Crime.



Make it clear that Hate Crime should always be reported, even if it doesn't seem that serious.



Help everyone understand that the Law will do its best to protect them.



Make sure victims get good support, so that they trust the reporting system more.



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES

We will carry on listening to community groups and victims, to find out more about how Hate Crime affects people.



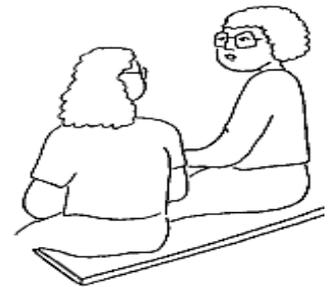
We will use what people tell us, to make sure that we have policies that really make a difference.



We want to help communities work together so that different groups understand one another better.



We also want to do more about Hate Crime that affects people who are part of more than one group. For example, a black lesbian woman who has a learning disability.



We will make sure that people who have been the victims of Hate Crime know where to go for support that will help them feel more confident and in control of their lives.



HATE CRIME REPORTING CENTRES

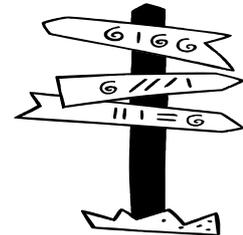
You can report a Hate Crime at any of St Leger Homes offices and lots of other places too.



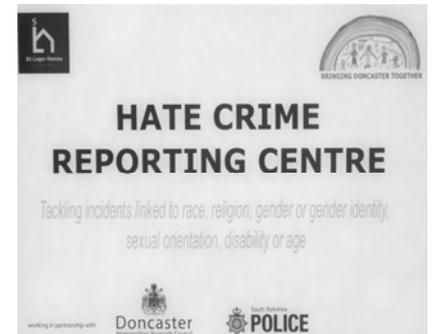
We have trained workers from other support groups working with us so that they can assist our customers.



We provide extra help to our customers by working closely with other support groups.



Remember, if someone scares or hurts you, this could be a Hate Crime. Report Hate Crime at any of our housing offices, we are here to help and support you.



Do not suffer in silence.



We are here to help you.

