

HATE CRIME INCIDENTS

A hate crime is defined as injuring another person; damaging another person's property; or threatening a specific person (or group of persons) and placing that person in a reasonable fear of harm or property because of the perpetrator's perception of the victim's race, religion, ancestry, national origin, colour, handicap (mental, physical, or sensory), sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, parental status, political theology, or gender identity. Even if a perpetrator is incorrect about a person's actual identity (race, religion, etc.), if they commit acts against a person based on their perception, these acts may still be considered a hate crime.

- Report the crime to Risk Management Services (RMS).

Edgewood	031 260 3493
Howard College	031 260 3777
Medical School	031 260 3777
Pietermaritzburg	033 260 5211
Westville	031 260 7133

- Explain to the officer why you believe the suspect assaulted you because of race, religion, etc. and not because of some other reason. (e.g. an argument regarding a traffic collision).
- Tell the officer the exact wording, or as much as you can remember, of what the perpetrator said to you, regardless of how offensive it maybe.