

# ABOUT BRISTOL ZERO TOLERANCE

Gender-based harassment includes unwanted comments, gestures, and actions forced on a stranger in a public place without their consent and directed at them because of their real or perceived gender (whether male, female or non-binary).

Street harassment includes:

- UNWANTED LEERING
- SEXIST, HOMOPHOBIC, BIPHOBIC OR TRANSPHOBIC SLURS
- PERSISTENT REQUESTS FOR YOUR NAME, NUMBER OR DESTINATION AFTER YOU'VE SAID NO
- SEXUAL NAMES, COMMENTS AND DEMANDS
- FOLLOWING
- FLASHING
- PUBLIC MASTURBATION
- GROPPING
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- RAPE
- HATE CRIMES

There are many ways to harass people.  
But there are also many ways to respond, too!

**BE INTOLERANT  
SAY NO TO STREET HARASSMENT**

## FIND OUT MORE

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[bristolzerotolerance.com/  
take-action-as-an-individual/  
respond-safely](http://bristolzerotolerance.com/take-action-as-an-individual/respond-safely)

And for further inspiration, visit **STOP STREET HARASSMENT** online to see the brilliantly creative and empowering ways that women all over the world are fighting street harassment:

[stopstreetharassment.org/strategies/creative](http://stopstreetharassment.org/strategies/creative)

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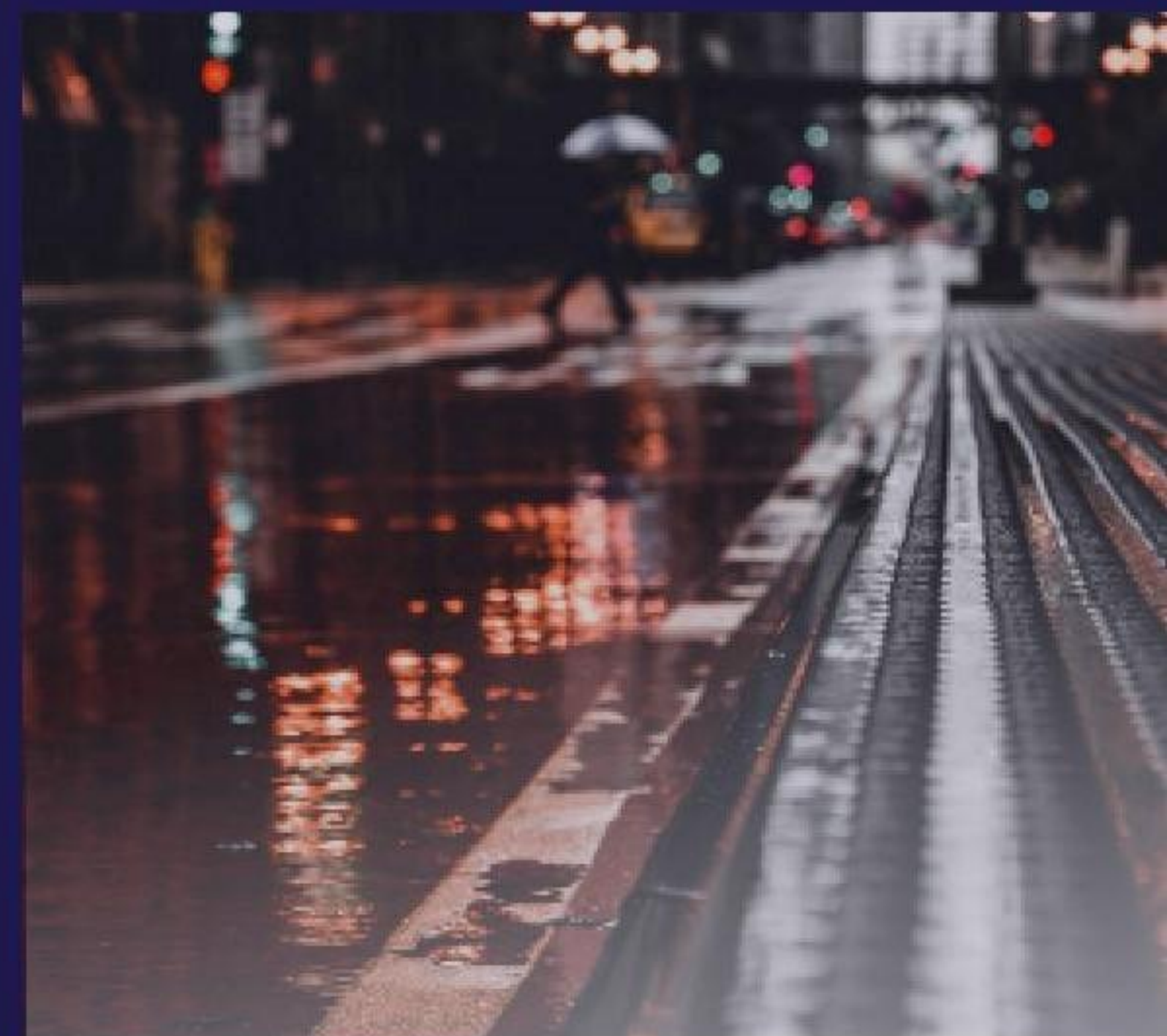


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# BE INTOLERANT



how to deal with  
**street harassment**

a **BRISTOL ZERO TOLERANCE** toolkit







# DEALING WITH STREET HARASSMENT

When it comes to street harassment, every person and every situation is different.

Often, there's only a matter of seconds to decide how to react, and it's important to consider your safety. You should only intervene if you feel safe to.

Knowing what to do can be challenging. So we put together this toolkit to help you think of ways to respond to street harassment.

## GO STRONG

Use body language to your advantage. Plant your feet firmly in the ground. Face the harasser head on and speak with an assertive tone. Refuse to be intimidated!

## CALL THEM OUT

Name the behaviour. State that it is wrong.

*Don't whistle at me!  
It's harassment!*

*Move away from me!  
Stop touching me!  
Go away!*

## SPELL IT OUT

Tell them exactly what you want them to do.

## SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL WOMEN

Yes, really! Make an all-purpose anti-harassment statement. Maybe this person thinks people like being harassed in the street. Remove all doubt!

*Stop harassing women.  
No one likes it.  
Don't harass me!  
Show some respect!*

## APPEAL TO THEIR HIGHER NATURE

Ask them if they would want someone to treat their loved ones the way they are treating you.

## TEACH THEM THEIR ABCS

Using an ABC statement means telling the harasser:

### A. THE PROBLEM:

*You're making noises at me.*

### B. THE EFFECT:

*It makes me feel uncomfortable.*

### C. WHAT YOU WANT:

*If you want to talk to me, or any woman, just say "hello."*

## USE THE SOCRATIC METHOD

*That's so interesting!  
Please explain why you think you can put your hand on my leg?*

Ask the harasser to repeat or explain themselves.

This forces them to reflect on their behaviour. If it worked for an Ancient Greek philosopher, it could work for you too!

## GET LOUD

Make people around you aware that you need support.

This also shames the harasser, which could get them to stop. It works well on public transport. Just make sure you identify the harasser!

*Man in the yellow shirt, stop touching me!*

*Try:  
"You're standing too close"  
rather than:  
"You're such an idiot"*

## BUT DON'T GET PERSONAL

It's important to attack the behaviour, not the person. Focus on what they did, rather than lashing out at them personally.

# DEALING WITH DRIVE-BYS

## WRITE IT DOWN

Writing down the harasser's number plate means you can report any threatening or aggressive behaviour to the Police.

Even if you can't see it properly, pretending to write it down can scare a harasser into stopping.

And if a crime has been committed, it's perfectly legal to take photos of the person. Just make sure you stay safe!

*They were driving!*

*You can still show them zero tolerance!*

## REPORT IT

If the harasser is driving a company van or wearing a company uniform, call or write to that company. Let them know their employee has been harassing people on the job.

Note down the date, time and location so they can trace the employee. No company wants their employees harassing potential customers or bringing their business into disrepute.

And you can still have an impact just by telling the harasser you intend to report them, whether or not you go through with it.

*They were in uniform, driving a company van!*

*Big mistake!*