



# ABOUT BRISTOL ZERO TOLERANCE

## FIND OUT MORE

Gender-based harassment is 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
- GROPING
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- RAPE
- HATE CRIMES

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

Visit [BRISTOL.ZERO.TOLERANCE](http://BRISTOL.ZERO.TOLERANCE) online for more information:

[bristolzerotolerance.com/take-action/  
take-action-as-an-individual/  
toolkit-reporting-to-the-police](http://bristolzerotolerance.com/take-action/take-action-as-an-individual/toolkit-reporting-to-the-police)

You can report street harassment at:

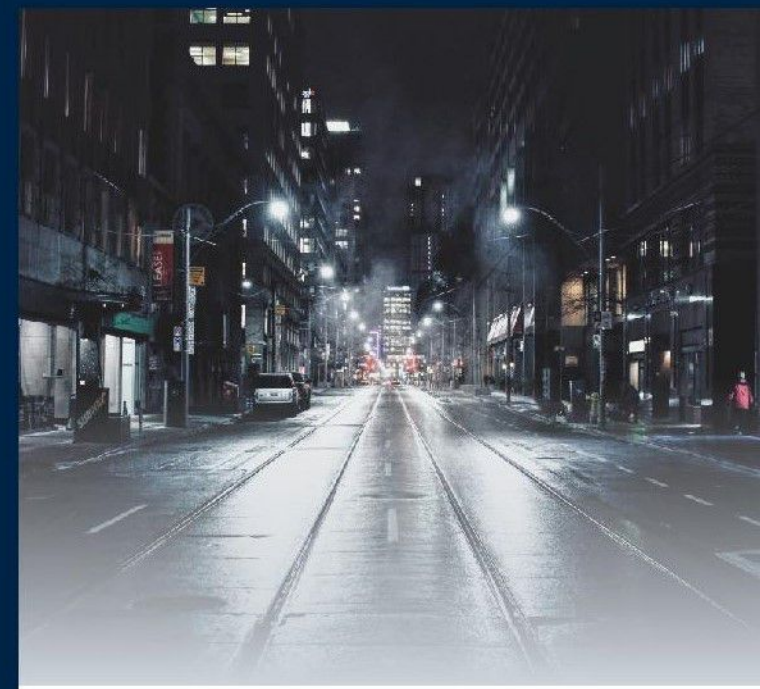
[report-it.org.uk](http://report-it.org.uk)

[gov.uk/report-hate-crime](http://gov.uk/report-hate-crime)

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# BE INTOLERANT



reporting  
**street harassment**  
to the police

**BE INTOLERANT  
SAY NO TO STREET HARASSMENT**



a **BRISTOL ZERO TOLERANCE** toolkit



# REPORTING STREET HARASSMENT AS A HATE CRIME

## WAYS TO REPORT

Not everyone wants to, but if you have experienced any form of harassment and you want it to be investigated by the Police, you will need to report it.

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Reporting incidents when they happen to you may prevent them from happening to someone else. You will also help the Police to understand the extent of hate crime in Bristol, so they can better respond to it, and help to gather data on street harassment.

### HOW DO I REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?

You'll need to record:

- WHERE IT HAPPENED
- WHEN IT HAPPENED
- DETAILS OF ANY WITNESSES

You could also take photographs of any vehicles or people if you feel safe to and this is not illegal if a crime has been committed.

### DO I HAVE TO GIVE MY PERSONAL DETAILS?

You don't have to give your personal details, but be aware that the investigation and ability to prosecute any offenders will be limited if the Police cannot contact you.

### DID YOU KNOW...?

Harassment is a Public Order Offence charged by the Police under Section 4 of the Public Order Act. Avon and Somerset Police also now record abuse and harassment based on gender/misogyny as a hate crime.

### ONLINE

You can use the True Vision online reporting form. See [report-it.org.uk](http://report-it.org.uk) for details. True Vision does not have an option to record a hate crime as related to 'gender' or 'misogyny' but you can use the 'other' category under the motivation for the incident and write 'gender/misogyny' there.

### SELF REPORTING

If you do not want to report online, you can download and print a Self Reporting Form.

For details, visit:

[report-it.org.uk/self\\_reporting\\_form](http://report-it.org.uk/self_reporting_form)

Once completed, the forms can either be handed in at your local Police station or posted to them.

### BY TELEPHONE

If it is not an emergency, you can speak to the local Police in confidence by calling 101.

To make sure that the incident is recorded correctly use the terms 'hate crime' and 'gender/misogyny' to ensure the appropriate response.

### IN PERSON

You can also report in person at your local Police station.

Use your postcode to find your local station at:

[police.uk](http://police.uk)

You can also report in person to any Police Officers or Police Community Support Officers (PCSO) that you see.

### WHAT IF I DON'T WANT TO REPORT IT TO THE POLICE?

If you do not want to talk to the Police or fill in reporting forms, you can also report street harassment to the following agencies:

**CRIMESTOPPERS** 0800 555 111

**VICTIM SUPPORT** 0300 303 1972

**SARI** 0800 171 2272

**BRISTOL HATE CRIME AND DISCRIMINATION SERVICES**  
[www.bhcads.org.uk](http://www.bhcads.org.uk)

### WHAT IF THERE'S AN EMERGENCY?

In an emergency, call 999 or 112. You can also register to contact the 999 emergency services by SMS text from your mobile phone.

For details, visit:

[emergencysms.org.uk](http://emergencysms.org.uk)