



Easy Words and Pictures

What to do if hate or harassment is happening to you in Barnsley?





What is hate and harassment?



Any time you or another person is threatened or hurt or experiences abuse because of who you are.

This could be for any reason, including:



your disability

your sexuality

your race

your religion

your age

your sex



being in a violent marriage or **civil partnership**



Civil Partnership

When two people of the same sex get married.



Types of Hate and Harassment

Hate and Harassment is not always obvious. It can take many forms, some are:

Physical attacks - This would be an attack on a person or damage to something they own.



Threatening behaviour - This would be verbal abuse, swearing and rude gestures.



Bullying - This would be name calling, rude jokes, and deliberately excluding people.





Why we must do something?

Experiencing hate and harassment has a negative effect on the victim's life.



We want to help victims of hate and harassment to improve their quality of life.



The Council, Police, Berneslai Homes and others are working together to stop hate and harassment and to support victims.



Together we aim to reduce hate and harassment in your local area.



How to report an incident



We know lots of cases go unreported. To stop this we are making it easier for people to report.

You can report any experience of hate and harassment using the details below:



Online www.barnsley.gov.uk/hate



By Text message to **61009** start with the word **HATE** and briefly explain the help you need.



Email safer@barnsley.gov.uk with the word **HATE** in the subject line.



Call Barnsley Council on **01226 773555** or South Yorkshire Police on **101**.



In an emergency call the Police on **999**.



The Hate and Harassment Strategy

We have produced a document called the "Hate and Harassment Strategy".

This Strategy details how we will reduce hate and harassment in your local area.



It includes detailed information on:

- Organisations that we are working with.
- What we will do.
- How we will reduce hate and harassment.
- What happens when an incident is reported.



If you would like a copy of the "Hate and Harassment Strategy" please call Barnsley Council on **01226 773555**



Other people to contact

If you need some help to make your report you might want to contact:



A local **Police Station**, **Council Office** or **Library**.

Berneslai Homes

customerservices@berneslaihomes.co.uk

01226 775555

