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We Do NOT Tolerate Hate Crimes

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ARE YOU THE VICTIM OF A HATE CRIME?

Zero tolerance is The University of Mississippi’s official stance when it comes to hate crimes. In its efforts to monitor and prevent hate crimes, as well as to assist victims, the university encourages everyone to report all hate crimes and incidents, even those that might not seem serious. By keeping detailed information on incidents, victims can strengthen the case for official university action.

If you witness a hate crime or you are the victim of a hate crime, contact the University Police Department at 662-915-7234.

WHAT IS A HATE CRIME?

Hate crimes are criminal acts or attempted criminal acts against an individual or group because of their actual or perceived race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender or disability.

Examples
- Graffiti
- Verbal intimidation or threats
- Hate mail (including electronic mail)
- Property damage
- Harassment
- Trespassing and stalking
- Physical assaults and threats
- Arson
- Attacks with weapons
- Murder

HOW TO RECORD THE DETAILS

- Write down exactly what happened. Try to include as much specific detail as possible.
- Record exactly where and when the incident occurred.
- If anyone was with you or saw what happened, record their names and telephone numbers. Ask them to write an account of what they witnessed, and sign and date the document.
- Record the names or detailed descriptions of the perpetrators.
- Make photocopies of hate mail or other documents.
- Keep a careful log of hate calls, and make a tape recording of hate calls on your answering machine.
- Photograph physical injuries, offensive graffiti and evidence of vandalism.
- Call the University Police Department at 915-7234. Give the officer or other official as much information as you can to ensure the incident is documented and to help determine the guilty party.