

All About Hate Crimes



1 What is a Hate Crime?

A hate crime is a criminal act that targets a victim based on the victim's actual OR perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, gender identity and expression, religion, religious practice, age, disability, or sexual orientation.

2 Arrest to Arraignment

After a person has been suspected of or observed committing a criminal act, they are arrested by NYPD. The Complaint Room (also known as ECAB) decides whether to move forward with charges. The person will then be brought to Criminal Court to formally hear the charges against them and have an opportunity to plead guilty or not guilty to those charges. A judge will make a decision on bail.



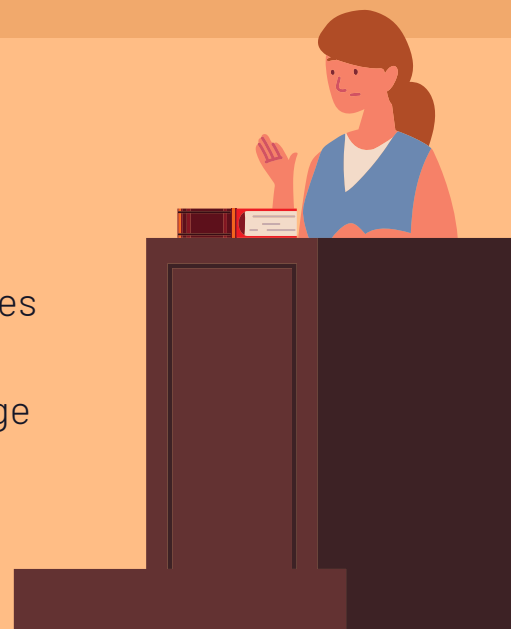
3 Investigation

The Hate Crimes Unit at the Manhattan DA's Office conducts an extensive investigation into the hate crime charges by interviewing witnesses, reviewing video, forensic, digital, and social media evidence, and analyzing the conduct and statements of the accused individual.



4 Post Arraignment and Trial

Felony and misdemeanor cases have similar paths to trials. Felony cases have grand jury proceedings to determine if evidence is sufficient to proceed with the arraignment charges and misdemeanor cases do not. During trial, the evidence is presented and argued before a group of people (jury) or a judge (bench) to determine if the defendant is guilty. If a person is guilty, the judge determines what their punishment or sentence will be.



5 If you experience a hate crime...

1. Get to a safe, secure place!
2. Call 911 or report the incident as soon as you can.
3. Try to remember as many details as you can to share with the police.



6 Our Witness Aid Support Unit

This unit in our office, called WASU, provides a wide range of services for all crime victims and their families, even if the suspect has not been arrested. Counselors and advocates provide in-person and remote support, including in-person support at our Harlem and Washington Heights offices.



7 Stay in touch with us!

Hate Crimes Hotline to report incidents:
212-335-3100 or hatecrimes@dany.nyc.gov
Community Partnerships Unit to share concerns on
any matter regarding public safety in Manhattan:
212-335-9082

