

Pittsburg Police Department has no tolerance to Hate Crime

*It is Pittsburg Police
Department's policy to
safeguard the rights of
all individuals
irrespective of their
disability, gender,
nationality, race,
ethnicity, sexual
orientation, and/or
association with a
person or group with
one or more of these
actual or perceived
characteristics.*

Local Resources—

Pittsburg Police Department -
Emergency 911
Non-Emergency (925) 646-2441

Contra Costa County District Attorney— Central
Eastern Operations
(925) 957-8540

Contra Costa County Victim Witness Assistance
Program
(925) 957-8650
Contracosta.ca.gov

NAACP East County Branch
(925)439-5099
186 E. Leland Rd, Pittsburg, CA

FBI—Concord Field Office
(925)671-7330
1850 Gateway Blvd #1010, Concord, CA

State Resources—

California Attorney General's Victims' Services
Unit
(877) 433-9069
www.oag.ca.gov/victimservices

California Department of Fair Employment &
Housing
1-800-884-1684 (TTY: 800-700-2320)
www.dfeh.ca.gov

National Resources—

National Center for Victims of Crime
(202) 467-8700



Pittsburg Police Department
65 Civic Avenue—Pittsburg, CA 94565
925-252-4980 www.ci.pittsburg.ca.us

Silence is Acceptance...



**A GUIDE ON WHAT
YOU NEED TO KNOW
ABOUT IDENTIFYING
AND REPORTING HATE
CRIME**

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Hate Crime vs Hate Incident

A hate **crime** is a criminal act committed against a person, group or property because of one or more of the following actual or perceived characteristics of the victim:

- Disability
- Religion
- Gender
- Sexual Orientation
- Nationality
- Association with a person or group with one or more of these characteristics
- Race or Ethnicity

A hate **Incident** is an action or behavior motivated by hate or bias, but legally protected by the First Amendment. Examples include:



- * Name-calling
- * Insults and Epithets
- * Distributing hate material in public places
- * Displaying hate material on your own property

A Note on Hate Speech—

The U.S. Constitution allows hate speech as long as it **does not interfere with the civil rights of others**. If this type of speech **escalates to threats against a person or property, it may become a hate crime**.

Reporting a Hate Crime

EMERGENCIES. If you are in immediate danger and need to report an emergency, dial **9-1-1** and advise if medical attention is needed.

NON-URGENT MATTERS. To report a non-urgent incident that occurred in Pittsburg, CA call **(925) 646-2441**

BE PREPARED. Be prepared to speak with a dispatcher by identifying your **location, name** and **contact information**

- Write down the exact words that were spoken and any other information that may be of value
- Save any evidence, if safe, wait for officers to respond to take photographs
- If possible get a description of the perpetrator (sex, race, height, etc.) and the perpetrators vehicle (color, make, model, license plate)

Indicators

The following signs may indicate that a hate crime has been committed:

- A victim or witness perceives, or property was targeted, because they /it belonged to a protected class
- Written or verbal comments were made showing prejudice or bias
- The crime occurred on a significant date to the victims protected class
- There is ongoing organized hate group activity in the area

If YOU are a VICTIM

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! Victims have certain rights under the California Constitution's Victim's Bill of Rights. These include your right to—

- ⇒ Apply for money to cover your losses
- ⇒ Give a victim impact statement to the court
- ⇒ Ask the prosecutor for certain information about the case
- ⇒ Get orders from the court such as protective orders or an order to pay attorney fees
- ⇒ Under the Ralph Act and Bane Act, the court may require the defendant to pay a civil penalty for violating your rights

After reporting the crime to the police department, you can seek additional assistance from:

Contra Costa County Victim Witness Assistance Program. A DA Victim Advocate can provide guidance through the legal system, help you apply for victims compensation, and offer resources to agencies and organizations that offer assistance and emergency services.

**900 Ward Street, Martinez, CA
(925) 957-8650**

Pittsburg Police Department Records. Victims may be entitled to a free copy of their police report.

**65 Civic Ave, Pittsburg, CA
(925) 252-4980, Option 9, Option 2**

Contra Costa County District Attorney. To obtain information regarding your court case.

**10 Douglas Dr Ste 130 Martinez, CA
(925) 957-8540**