Compensation Funds for Victims

Partnership Fund for Victims of Hate Violence
240-777-8450
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/humanrights/outreach/partnership.html

Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program (VASAP)
240-777-1355 Weekdays
240-777-4357 24-Hour Crisis Line
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/hhs-program/BHCS/VASAP/index.html
Email: vasap@montgomerycountymd.gov

Maryland Criminal Injuries Compensation Board (CICB)
410-585-3010
http://goccp.maryland.gov/victims/cicb

The Montgomery County, Maryland State’s Attorney’s Office has successfully prosecuted perpetrators of hate crimes.

“...twice recognized as the leading prosecutor’s office in the nation in addressing hate crime...”

JOHN J. McCARTHY
State’s Attorney for Montgomery County, Maryland

STOP the HATE

What to do if you are a victim of or have witnessed a hate crime or bias-related incident
What is the difference between a BIAS-RELATED INCIDENT and a hate crime?

A bias-related incident may be motivated by the same reasons as a hate crime but is different because the act did not rise to the level of a criminal offense.

It is important to report bias-related incidents to the Montgomery County Police Department to allow the authorities to determine whether the act violated the law.

What should I do if I am a victim of, or witness a hate crime or bias-related incident?

REPORT IT by doing the following:

• Dial 9-1-1 in an emergency.
• In a non-emergency, dial 301-279-8000 to contact the Montgomery County Police.
• For your own safety do not take it upon yourself to confront perpetrators.
• Do not clean up or destroy any evidence related to the crime until after the police arrive and investigate.
• Ask the police what services are available to you.
• See the Resource section of this brochure for more information.

What constitutes a HATE CRIME in Maryland?

Under MD Criminal Law Article 10-301 through 10-308, a person may not:

“Commit a crime that is motivated either in whole or substantial part by another person or group’s race, color, national origin, religious belief, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, homelessness, or disability.”

If a person commits a crime motivated by any of the factors above, they can be charged with a hate crime. This carries a penalty in addition to the penalty for the crime committed.

Additional Penalties for Hate Crimes

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Resources

Attorney General’s Hate Crimes Hotline 1-866-481-8361

Communities United Against Hate (CUAH) Montgomery County (MC) www.cuahmc.org

MC Department of Police 301-279-8000 www.montgomerycountymd.gov/pol


MC Office of Community Partnerships www.montgomerycountymd.gov/partnerships

Maryland Attorney General’s Civil Rights Division 410-576-6300 1-888-743-0023 www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/Civil/default.aspx

Maryland Crime Victims’ Resource Center 301-952-0063 www.mdcrimevictims.org Provides free legal representation and advocacy services to victims of crime.

State of Maryland Commission on Civil Rights 410-767-8600 1-800-637-6247 www.mccr.maryland.gov/Pages/default.aspx

For local resources, social services information and referrals:
Dial 2-1-1 www.211md.org
Text your Zip Code to 898-211

Services for deaf, hard of hearing and visually impaired individuals (TTY Users), please call Maryland Relay at 7-1-1.