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THIS INFORMATION SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED LEGAL ADVICE.









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- + A hate crime is an incident directed against a person or property that is motivated in whole or in part by the victim's race, religion, national origin, ethnicity, gender, disability, and in some cases, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression. Such an incident can include physical violence, verbal attacks, and attacks on property.
- + If you witness someone being subjected to verbal harassment, do not confront the perpetrator. Instead, engage the victim in conversation and ignore the perpetrator. Discuss a random subject with the victim and create a safe space until the perpetrator leaves. Escort the victim to a safe place if necessary.

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