



Please contact us about questions around bringing criminal charges against anti-gay and anti-trans violence. We work in liaison with the police.

We'll support you!

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**Information and advice
on how to report violence against
lesbian, gay, trans and queer people**



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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

Nobody has to tolerate being insulted, spat at or physically attacked because of their sexuality or gender identity.

Insults are relevant under criminal law, because anti-gay and anti-trans violence are categorised as a politically motivated criminal offence.

Call 110 to inform the police if you are a victim of or witness to a crime – even if it doesn't directly target you or your friends.

HOW DO I DO THAT?

You can file criminal charges at any police station, as well as online (service.polizei.nrw.de/anzeige). Generally, charges should be brought as quickly as possible. But you can also make a report days, weeks or months after an incident.

In case of emergency, call 110 for help.

I WILL REPORT THIS!

... even if I can't give an exact description of the perpetrator(s) or don't have any witnesses!

Frequently, repeat offenders can be identified if several reports are made.

... even if I am not sure the perpetrator(s) can be found!

Without my initiative, nothing will happen. If I make a report, the police will know where and when criminal offences against lesbian, gay, trans and queer people are committed. That's relevant for prosecution and also for statistical purposes.

... even if nobody might be punished! The dark figure for anti-gay and anti-trans crime is assumed to be disproportionately high. By reporting a crime, I can increase the visibility of violence based on sexuality and gender identity.