

If you are being threatened intimidated or physically abused you should notify UWPD immediately. You don't have to live with harassment or intimidation. Housefellows, Residence Life Coordinators, Multicultural Liaisons or the Office of Equity and Diversity are valuable resources to aid you in ending the behaviors affecting you.

To Report A Crime That Has Occurred On Campus

PLEASE CONTACT UW POLICE DEPARTMENT AT:

- Emergency ..... 911
- UW Police Dept ..... 262-2957

***When Reporting a crime please remember to calmly provide the following information in detail:***

- Date, time, and location of incident.
- Names, addresses, and telephone numbers of victim(s), witnesses, and suspects, (if they are known.)
- Detailed description of suspect(s) clothing and physical descriptions.
- Description of any vehicle(s) involved in the incident.



UW Madison Police Department  
1429 Monroe St.  
Madison, WI 53711  
Phone: (608) 262-2957 TTY/ Voice  
Fax:(608) 262-9768  
Emergency: 911  
www.uwpd.wisc.edu

Equity and Diversity  
Resource Center  
(608) 263-2378  
(608) 263-2473 TTY

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# *Hate Crimes*

## *A Community Concern*



## *Bias Crimes And You*

***University of Wisconsin Madison  
Police Department  
Susan Riseling, Chief***

## **Mission Statement of the University Police Department:**

*Our Mission is to promote the safety and security of all persons who come in contact with the University of Wisconsin – Madison, its facilities and services.*

*To achieve this mission we will, with a commitment to excellence,*

- *Respect and safeguard the dignity and rights of all individuals.*
- *Provide protection of persons and property, education, crisis intervention, crime prevention and enforcement services.*
- *Coordinate our efforts with other agencies and the public we serve.*
- *Maintain a well-trained and equipped, professional work force to respond to individual and community needs.*
- *Take pride in all we do.*

It is the goal of UWPD to maintain public trust and further our working relationship with the students, faculty, staff and University Community. To further these goals we are committed to providing a safe and open atmosphere on campus by reducing crime and educating our community.

## **What is a Bias Crime?**

This crime is motivated by bias or hatred of the victim based on the offender's belief or perception of the victim's **race, religion, ethnic or national origin, gender, age, disability or sexual orientation.**

A bias crime occurs when the perpetrator engages in criminal behavior or acts against an individual, property, organization or group; based on the offender's perceptions of the above, categories.

Types of crimes committed might range from vandalism of religious buildings or sites to physical attacks against persons. This could include graffiti, annoying or threatening phone calls, harassment, arson, battery or physical attacks.

UWPD has many options when investigating and dealing with bias crimes. Below are listed state statutes and UWS codes that can be utilized in the prosecution of suspects in bias crimes.

## **UW Administrative Codes (UWS):**

*Disorderly Conduct 18.06(30):* No person may engage in any behavior that tends to cause or provoke a disturbance.

*Improper Use of Telephones 18.06(33):* No person may cause the phone of another to repeatedly ring or to make repeated phone calls with the intent to harass.

## **State Misdemeanors:**

947.01 *Disorderly Conduct: (Same as UWS 18.06(30))*

947.012 *Unlawful Use of Telephone:* In addition to those points under UWS, this statute includes using a telephone call to harass, frighten, intimidate, or threaten to inflict physical injury and using obscene or lewd language or threaten lewd and lascivious acts.

947.013 *Harassment:* Attempts to or strikes, shoves, kicks or otherwise subjects the person to physical contact or threatens to do the same with the intent to harass or intimidate or repeatedly commits acts which harass or intimidate the victim. This becomes a crime if the victim reasonably fears death or great bodily harm or if there is an injunction, which limits or prohibits contact with the victim.

947.19(1) *Battery:* Essentially, battery is causing physical harm without consent, with the specific offense based on the severity of the bodily harm.

939.645 *"Hate Crime" Enhancer:* Applied if the victim of a crime was selected, in whole or in part, because of the perpetrator's perception or belief that the victim belonged to a protected group. This is not a crime in itself but, enhances the penalty for the underlying crime.

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In addition, students and or staff involved in committing bias crimes may be referred to the Dean of Students Office and the UW Disciplinary codes outlined in the Wisconsin Administrative Code.