# **HOW TO REPORT AN ANTISEMITIC OR BIAS INCIDENT**

We all have a responsibility to report and respond to antisemitism or bias when we see it. Doing this can make our communities safer, empower us, and assist law enforcement investigations.



#### What should I report?

You should report any incident you perceive as antisemitic, biased or hateful.

#### Here are some examples:

- Antisemitic or other hateful graffiti in public places, including schools.
- Vandalism of religious sites and holy places.
- Online harassment, including hateful social media posts and emails. Remember to take a screenshot!
- Verbal harassment, including voicemails.
- Media-based incidents, including antisemitic or hateful content in a news story.

## How do I report?



If you fear for your safety or the safety of others, call 911 immediately.



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Attach any supporting materials such as photos, videos, or website links.

Fill out details about the

location of the incident and

your contact information.



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If it is safe to do so, take pictures or a video of the incident. If the incident involves vandalism, do not clean up or remove until law enforcement has completed its investigation.



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ADL will follow up with you.



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Go to **adl.org/report** and fill out the form including as much information as possible. Reporting online allows ADL staff to respond most efficiently.









### Why should I report?

- Reporting incidents is an important way you can make your voice heard and make the truth known.
   Speaking up through reporting can lead to conversations of understanding at schools and in communities.
- Be aware that times of crisis, like a global pandemic or economic downturn, are opportunities for the resurgence of antisemitic incidents. You might see online content blaming Jews for these problems, either directly or indirectly.
- By reporting these incidents, you help ADL keep accurate data and determine trends, which we share with law enforcement and lawmakers to allocate resources in the fight against hate.

#### What else can I do? -

- Learn to recognize hate symbols so you can report them.
   Swastikas are familiar symbols but there are many more. Check out the link below to learn more.
- Be an Ally. Fighting antisemitism and all forms of hate cannot be done alone. The safety and freedom of the Jewish community is directly connected to the safety and freedom of all marginalized communities. Stand up for others just as you want others to stand up for you. Show up at community vigils and participate in community activities that fight hate and bias.



- **Build Relationships.** Join with community organizations, law enforcement, schools and faith-based organizations. Cultivate a climate of allyship.
- Take Action. Be an active participant in the fight against hate. Write letters to your legislators, start a
  public awareness campaign in your community or online, or organize educational forums to talk about
  bias and oppression.



To report an antisemitic incident, visit adl.org/report

To learn more about hate symbols, visit adl.org/hate-symbols

To learn more about how to stand up to antisemitism,

visit adl.org/goodfighttoolkit

For more information on communal security training and resources in New England, please visit the CJP Communal Security Initiative website: www.cjp.org/communalsecurity or email us at communalsecurity@cjp.org

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