

THE SAFETY PAGE



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Report Anti-LGBTQI neighborhood harassment!

Stop and think...have any of these things happened to you?

- Theft, vandalism, or burning of rainbow flag
- Neighbors who make homo/bi/transphobic comments
- Graffiti
- Pranks
- Damage to your yard or house
- Debris thrown into your yard
- Damage to your car

You have options for dealing with neighbor harassment, and BRAVO can help!

- Minor incidents, unchecked, can escalate into more hostile and violent forms of harassment.
- Something that seems small to you may be part of a larger pattern of crime in your area
- Understanding patterns helps BRAVO and local law enforcers develop prevention strategies
- All forms of anti-LGBTQI harassment are hate crimes – your call can help BRAVO maintain accurate statistics on the scope of violence

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Spring brings out the 'phobes...

Spring is here, and all the homo/bi/transphobic people are coming out of hibernation. Some may live in your neighborhood. As the weather gets warmer, people are interacting more closely outside in neighborhoods, and harassment will no doubt be on the rise. If you begin to experience problems with your neighbors, call BRAVO. We can help you through the situation – there are always options. Some things may seem insignificant to you, but report them anyway. Maybe your situation is so serious that it seems hopeless. It's not. Call us and we can help. As with all hate crimes, remember to document incidents as well as you can.

Don't take it... Report it!

Report it to BRAVO at 866-86-BRAVO

If you experience violence, it is not your fault.

Safety Tips for Street Harassment

1. CONSIDER YOUR SURROUNDINGS

Are there other people around?

Do you have access to a safe place?

2. STAY ALERT

Awareness is your best defense.

If you have been partying, your judgment may be impaired – don't react.

3. TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you think something is wrong trust your gut, remove yourself from the situation.

4. PROJECT CONFIDENCE

Walk as if you know where you are going.

5. CARRY A WHISTLE

If you feel threatened, blow it, or shout "NO" or "BACK OFF" to attract attention.

6. IF YOU FEEL THREATENED

Cross the street, change direction, run to a place where there are other people, or walk closer to traffic.

7. CALL BRAVO 866-86-BRAVO

Make a report with BRAVO. We can help you.

Remember some people choose to hurt others,
It's never your fault!

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