

If you are the victim of a Hate Crime, or helping a victim, you should follow ALL of the following steps:

(If one of these agencies is unable to help you, continue following the recommended procedures.)

1. Call the Davenport Police Department 326-7979 or 911 immediately!

<http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/police/> A quick response is necessary. The first officer to arrive should look for motives to determine whether a hate crime occurred.

2. Preserve all physical evidence.

Save items involved and any damaged property; take photographs; be able to describe perpetrators and witnesses; write accurate account of incident; and keep a log of continuing events.

3. Call Federal Bureau of Investigation, nearest local office, or 402-493-8688 Omaha Field Office. The FBI should be notified if there is use of force or threatened use of force related to Fair Housing rights. <http://omaha.fbi.gov/>

4. Call Davenport Civil Rights Commission Commission, If Hate Crimes occur in areas of housing, employment, credit, public accommodations or education they may also be discriminatory acts under Davenport Code §2.58. Complaints must be filed within 180 days of incident or one year for housing complaints. <http://www.cityofdavenportiowa.com/departments/?fDD=7-0>

5. Call US Department of Justice, Washington DC, Criminal Section 202-514-3204, or Housing and Civil Enforcement Section 202-514-4713. <http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/crt-home.html>

6. Call Iowa Department of Public Safety, 515-281-5138 to report Hate Crime violations. <http://www.iowa.gov/government/dps/>

7. Call Scott County Attorney's office 563-326-8600 <http://www.scottcountyiowa.com/attorney> and **Iowa Attorney General's Office**, 515-281-5044. <http://www.iowa.gov/government/ag> Ask about Iowa programs for victim's assistance.