

Anti-Palestinian Hate & Islamophobia are on the Rise

What do you do if you are
the target of a hate crime?



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What is a Hate Crime?

An incident directed against a person or property motivated in whole or in part by a prejudice on the basis of the victim's protected identity, which may include their race, religion, national origin, gender, and ethnicity. Such an incident can include physical violence, verbal attacks, and/or attacks on property.

What is a Hate Incident?

An action or behavior motivated by hate but which, for one or more reasons, is not a crime.



WHATS HAPPENING?

Blatantly biased news coverage of Israel's assault on Gaza and dehumanizing language used in the media and by elected officials has fueled anti-Palestinian hate and Islamophobia in the U.S., creating an atmosphere similar to that after 9/11.

Because of this rhetoric, Muslims and Palestinians have found themselves as the targets of discrimination, attacks, and bullying.



WHATS HAPPENING?

CAIR-Ohio has received direct reports from students, workers, and other community members across the state who have been victims of anti-Muslim and anti-Palestinian attacks, bullying, and discrimination.

CAIR-Ohio has received an over **600%** **increase in requests** for help in the past several weeks over the previous year, related to hate crimes and incidents.

What do you do if you are the target of hate?→



ENSURE YOUR SAFETY

If you witness someone being subjected to verbal harassment, **do not confront the perpetrator.** Engage with the victim and create a safe space until the perpetrator leaves. If possible, remove yourself and/or the victim from the situation and move to a safe location.

If you are being attacked or threatened, call 911 immediately.



PRESERVE EVIDENCE

Document the incident. Write down all details about what happened, including the date, time, location, and individuals involved.

If it is safe to do so, take photos and videos.



SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION

If necessary, seek medical attention or mental health care.

Keep any documents related to any treatment you receive.



CONTACT THE POLICE

Contact the police to file a report of the incident. Make sure to provide any documentation or evidence that you have.

Request a copy of the police report for your records.



FILE AN INCIDENT REPORT



Visit: cair-ohio.com/report-an-incident

Call: 614-451-3232

Columbus Office

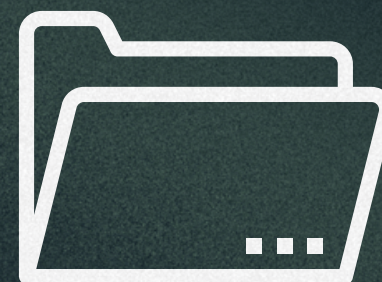
513-281-8200

Cincinnati Office

614-219-7330

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**In Ohio, we
received**

182

NEW COMPLAINTS

**from Oct. 7
to Nov. 4**

*Note: Actual numbers may be higher, as
hate crimes against Muslims in America
remain massively underreported.*

151

COMPLAINTS

**are directly
Palestine
related**

600%

INCREASE

**over the
previous year**