



Racial vilification

What is racial vilification?

Racial vilification is a public act that could incite hatred, serious contempt or severe ridicule towards people of a particular race.

Public acts include:

- communications that can be seen or heard by the public (this includes print, radio, video or online)
- signs, flags or clothing that could be seen by the public
- distributing and sharing information to the public.

Complaint case study

Miriam* is a Jewish woman.

She discovered anti-Semitic graffiti on a public place. Miriam asked the public authority who was responsible for the place to remove the graffiti. They did not respond.

Miriam lodged a complaint with ADNSW.

At the conciliation conference, the public authority agreed to remove the graffiti, resolving the matter.

*Name has been changed to protect the privacy of the individual.



What can I do if I experience racial vilification?

If you feel you have been vilified, you can contact us to make a complaint.

If you are unsure if you have experienced racial vilification or need more information, you can contact our enquiry service.

Public acts that threaten or incite violence

Any public act that threatens or incites violence towards a group of people on the basis of their race, religious belief or affiliation, sexual orientation, gender identity, intersex status or HIV/AIDS status is a criminal offence that should be referred to the police.

In an emergency, phone Triple Zero (000). For non-urgent police assistance and general enquiries, phone 131 444.

Useful contacts

Translating and Interpreting Service – 131 450

Law Access – 1300 888 529



This factsheet has general information about vilification and there are exceptions to the law. Please contact us if you have questions about racial vilification or you would like information about how to make a complaint.

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