

How to act if you face verbal and physical racist action?

Everyone in Finland has the right to be treated fairly and equally, this is a right guaranteed by Finnish law. Discrimination is a crime. The Act prohibits discrimination based on age, origin, nationality, language, religion, belief, opinion, political activity, trade union activity, family circumstances, health, disability, sexual orientation or other personal characteristics. No one must be put in a less favorable position due to these factors.

Racism is one form of discrimination. Racism can be the practice of treating a person or group of people differently based on their race, ethnic origin, skin color. Racist offences can be verbal, physical or online abuse.

If you are a victim of racism or you are a witness to an act of racism, it is highly recommended that you contact the police and report the crime.

How to report about crime? Well, there are many options to do that.

- Make an electronic crime report online (requires authentication with bank IDs, for example) ([Instructions](#))
- You can print a crime report form and send it to the police (https://www.poliisi.fi/crimes/printable_forms_for_reporting_an_offence)
- Visit the police station and report the crime in person
- Report a crime by phone. You can find the contact information of the nearest police station at: <https://www.poliisi.fi/yhteystiedot>
- In an emergency you can call 112

When you report a crime, the responsibility for investigating the matter passes to the police.

If you wish to speak to a member of Monikulttuurikeskus Gloria staff, please do so as we are more than happy to help you with any questions you may have. You can contact us anonymously. We can help with filling in the online police reports and you can also get support in different languages.

Here you can find our contact information:

<http://www.gloriajkl.fi/info-gloria/>

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<https://kriisikeskusmobile.fi/>

<https://www.kickitout.org/>