In the Northern Territory it is against the law to physically assault or threaten to assault someone.

It is also against the law in NT to yell, scream or hurt someone because of the colour of their skin or their religion. For instance because a woman is wearing a hijab.

Islamophobic assaults are racial vilification and are against the law.

If you experience an assault seek support as soon as possible from friends, shopkeepers, or anyone nearby.

Collect any photos, names and contact numbers of witnesses or people who helped you. Write them in your phone.

# **Monitoring Anti-Muslim incidents**

You can also report incidents to:

## **Muslim Legal Network**

contact@muslimlegalnetwork.com www.muslimlegalnetwork.com

## Islamophobia Register Australia

islamophobiaregister@gmail.com or on their Facebook page www.islamophobia.com.au

#### **Islamic Society of Darwin**

045800 9429 info@isod.org.au www.isod.org.au

## **Islamic Council of the Northern Territory**

Chairman: 0412640708 icnt@ymail.com















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# You have a right to be safe whatever you wear!



What to do if you are abused due to your race or religion

# **Report to Police**

# Any incidents should be reported immediately to triple Zero (000)

Or go to your nearest police station as soon as possible.

NT Police will take all reports seriously and respond in a fair and unbiased way.

# **Race and Religious Discrimination**

If you believe you were treated unfairly because of your race or religion you can call the NT Anti-Discrimination Commission 1800 813 846 or <a href="mailto:antidiscrimination@nt.gov.au">antidiscrimination@nt.gov.au</a>
<a href="mailto:www.adc.nt.gov.au">www.adc.nt.gov.au</a>
<a href="mailto:or Australian Human Rights">or Australian Human Rights</a>
<a href="mailto:Commission 1300 656 419</a>

### **Racial Vilification**

 $Call\ the\ Australian\ \textbf{Human}\ \textbf{Rights}\ \textbf{Commission}$ 

Call: 1300 656 419

newcomplaints@humanrights.gov.au

Register with the Anti- Hate campaign



# What is racial vilification?

The *Racial Discrimination Act* makes it against the law to vilify a person or a group of people because of their race.

Vilification is behaviour in public that insults, humiliates, offends or intimidates another person or group on the basis of their race. This can include online in websites, emails or social media.

# What to report

It will help if you can give the following information:

- · How you were attacked or what you saw
- · Where and when it occurred
- The identity of the attacker and where they live, if you know it
- What the attacker looked like and/or what they were wearing
- What the attacker said, particularly anything insulting about your race or religion
- The nature of any injuries sustained
- Whether anyone else was attacked
- The names and addresses of any witnesses
- · Whether you have been attacked before

# **Accessing Counselling Services.**

It can be very distressing to witness or experience an Islamophobic assault or abuse.

Severe cases can be traumatic. Common symptoms of trauma can include constant worry about being attacked again, not feeling safe when you are on the street, anxiety, feeling like you want to avoid going out or avoiding the area where the attack occurred, replaying of the attack in your mind.

Counselling can help victims of crime to recover more quickly and prevent the further decline of your mental health.

If you want to talk to someone quickly and confidentially about your feelings of distress, contact **LIFELINE on 131114.** 

# **Seeking Legal Advice**

If you would like legal advice contact **Darwin Community Legal Service free call:**1800 812 953

info@dcls.org.au www.dcls.org.au

www.tewls.org.au

Or contact Northern Territory Legal Aid Commission on: 1800 019 343 info@ntlac.nt.gov.au www.ntlac.nt.gov.au

Or contact the **Muslim Legal Network** on **0426 845 306** 

contact@muslimlegalnetwork.com www.muslimlegalnetwork.com

If you are a woman contact Top End Women's Legal Service free call: 1800 234 441 admin@tewls.org.au