# Rising Hate Crimes Against LGBTQ+ Individuals on UK Public Transport Revealed by Charity Report



Data from LGBTQ+ anti-abuse charity Galop has revealed a significant rise in hate crimes against LGBTQ+ individuals on public transport in the UK. Between 2016 and 2023, reported anti-LGBTQ+ hate crimes have doubled, with 24,102 crimes targeting sexual orientation and 4,732 against transgender people recorded in 2022/23—up by 112% and 186%, respectively.

The report indicates underreporting due to mistrust in the criminal justice system. Approximately 39% of LGBTQ+ respondents felt less safe in the UK over the past five years, with 43% of trans respondents reporting heightened concerns. Two-thirds of respondents always feel threatened on public transport, impacting their daily travel.

Victims like James from South East London and Willow from Wales shared their troubling experiences of persistent transphobia. In the past year, 66% of LGBTQ+ respondents faced victimization on public transport, including verbal and physical assaults.

Distrust in law enforcement remains high, with 54% of LGBTQ+ individuals believing police will not act on reported abuse. Galop and organizations like British Transport Police and Transport for London are working to improve safety and support for LGBTQ+ travelers.

British Transport Police emphasizes dedicated operations and visible patrols, aiming to respond swiftly to hate crime incidents. TfL has launched a campaign to encourage solidarity against abuse and improve training for staff to handle reports compassionately.

Efforts continue to address these safety concerns, aiming for a safer and more inclusive environment for LGBTQ+ individuals on public transport in the UK.