Anti-Asian Violence Resources

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Xenophobia

**Definition:** Fear and prejudice of anyone who is different from you.
Rise in Anti-Asian Violence

Covid-19
Harassment against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders rise in light of US Administration referring to the Coronavirus as the “Chinese Virus”

2,795 Hate Incidents were reported from March 2020 to February 2021 by The Stop AAPI Hate center. Over 700 of these occurred in the Bay Area.

Atlanta
8 people, including 6 Asian women killed in a dehumanizing, shooting rampage

Little Saigon
Six Buddhist temples across Orange County, California were vandalized in November 2020

$1.4m was allocated from the state of California to the UCLA Asian American Studies Center to address hate crimes
Statistics

- Of U.S. adults believe “it has become more common for people to express racist views toward Asians since the pandemic” (Source: Pew Research)
- Racist incidents against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) were reported between March and May of 2020 (Source: CBS News)
- AAPI Women reported to be victims of harassment in Georgia (Source: StopAAPIHate)
What counts as harassment?

- Intimidating looks and staring
- Comments about appearance
- Racist, xenophobic, homophobic, sexist, and transphobic slurs
- Etc.

Bystander Intervention = using your privilege to speak up

Bystander Intervention is **NOT** about being a hero
Common Reasons People Don’t Take Action

- "It’s a cultural thing"
- "Not my problem"
- "I’ll make things worse"
- "Nobody else is doing anything"

Even if you have never been a target, a friend or family member may have. The person you are helping has people that care about them. Harassment hurts everyone.

You can pick a less direct action, such as asking someone else to help or distract the person doing harm by asking them a question.

Harassment is a product of racism, sexism, homophobia, xenophobia, ableism, etc. – not a product of someone’s culture or identity.

This is called the ‘bystander effect’ and it allows for a crowd to wait for someone else to act. It takes courage to be the first to do something.
4 Ways to Help If You Witness Hate

1. Take Action
   Approach the targeted person, introduce yourself, and offer support.

2. Actively Listen
   Ask before taking any actions and respect the targeted person’s wishes. Monitor the situation if needed.

3. Accompany
   If the situation escalates, invite the targeted person to join you in leaving.

4. Offer Emotional Support
   Help the targeted person by asking how they’re feeling. Assist them in figuring out what they want to do next.
Dear Asian Youth

A group of Asian youth striving to uplift marginalized communities through education, activism, and celebration.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice’s Tell Your Story

Standagainthatred.org

Stop Asian American Pacific Islander Hate

Report an incident.
Donate. Lean more.

Resources to learn more and support the AAPI Community
Resources: Videos and Documents

Helpful videos for Asian Americans parents (talking to their kids about racism and xenophobia)
https://tinyurl.com/6zedeuv3

Asian American Psychological Association COVID-19 Related Resources
https://tinyurl.com/yhhp5f2f