

Hate-motivated Crime Microsimulation Episode 1 Script

Scene 1: The offence

Who: Man, woman, and friend (friend is filming)

Scene: Woman and her friend standing in her garden, a man walking past with a dog.

[A scuffle has occurred prior and the friend begins to film the man]

[Tensions high]

MAN: *'Are you filming??'*

WOMAN: *'Mate, as I said, can you please can you hold your dog back? Get your dog off my lawn!!'*

MAN: *'What the fuck? I'll put my dog onto you, you fucking nigga!'*

WOMAN: *'I'm born in NZ mate!'*

MAN: *'You fucking nigga, you useless Black fucking bitch!'*

WOMAN: *'Have a blessed day, sir!'*

[woman puts her middle finger up, man walks away with his dog]

All scenes from this point on are filmed in a living room, woman and friend sitting next to each other.

Scene 2: Understanding the context

You ask the woman to give you context for what happened before the video was taken.

Woman: It was so fucked; he was walking by and his dog came onto my yard. We were just chatting... and I asked him to hold his dog back off my property. I know him though; he's my neighbour and he's always got an issue with my whānau. He's acted like this before.

How do you respond?

Incorrect response

From what I can see in the video, it looks like your neighbour was reacting to what you said about his dog. Before the filming began, did you say something which could have offended him?

Woman: What!? I asked him to get his dog off my lawn?! Did you hear what he said to me?! That guy's a racist. It's not my fault, it's his fault. You don't realise that he's like this, it's not about his dog!

Correct response

I hear you; can you give me more details please? Has he previously acted like this to make you think he has an issue with your whānau?

Woman: Yeah so he's our neighbour, I think he lives just down the road and about a month ago we got a letter in our letter box. We'd only been living here for a few weeks, so we didn't know who it was. But since then,

I've seen him around and he's said some shit to my son, so I know the letter was from him. The letter we got was terrible, it was asking why we had moved into the neighbourhood and that we weren't welcome here.

How do you respond?

Correct response

That must have been a tough letter to receive. Can you tell me more details about what the letter said?

[grabs letter off the table]

Woman: Yeah, I have it, it said 'Hello dearest neighbours, while we are not racist, as a family we do not appreciate your kind bringing Police to our street. We have never had trouble before, or Police, before your kind moved in. We feel this is not the right area for you to reside in. Take care, your friendly neighbours.'

Incorrect response

That must have been a tough letter to receive? Are you familiar with 105? You could file an online report when he does these things.

Woman: What do you mean? What the fuck is that? You're here right now? Take my report! I pay your salary!

Scene 3: Recognising the hate-motivation

How do you respond?

Incorrect response

That must have been a hard letter to read. Why have Police been called to your home in the past?

Woman: Wait what? Why are you asking that? Police have been round to see our son but it's nothing serious. Why would that matter? He's harassing our whānau?!

Correct response

That must have been a hard letter to read. You mentioned your neighbour has done this type of things several times before. Why do you think he is treating you like this?

Woman: I reckon he has a problem with us because we're Māori! I mean we moved here recently, and my son's been in a bit of trouble recently but nothing serious, he's just a teenager! But the letter said we weren't welcome here

Scene 4: Responding to the woman

You understand the woman is affected by the man's racist comments and the letter she received. She expects Police action. What do you say to her?

Incorrect response

This must have been a rough time with your neighbour. Hopefully he leaves you alone now. I'm sorry there's not too much more we can do right now.

Woman: I knew you'd say this... This is exactly why I don't report shit like this. What a waste of my time. I think that's quite disrespectful and it's traumatising for me. This isn't the first time and potentially things could have got uglier. You egg.

Incorrect response

This must have been a rough time with your neighbour. Perhaps next time you could move inside so you don't aggravate him.

Friend: Are you for real? Are you blind? He was on her property? Hello?

Woman: So even though I've done nothing wrong, you expect to make him feel superior to me by suggesting I run away from him when I see him?! As if I'm in the wrong or the problem? That's the biggest bullshit I've ever heard.

Correct response

This must have been a rough time with your neighbour. We take this seriously and there is now a report in our system. Someone will speak to your neighbour. Thank you for reporting it.

Woman: Thank you. It's just we're new to the area life is hard as it is without having to deal with bullshit like this. I'm glad she was here today and encouraged me to call Police. I don't like to share with my whānau cos they have enough to worry about these days... getting a racist letter or that guy yelling. it's just normal for us now. This kind of stuff happens to us.

How do you respond?

Incorrect response

I can imagine this has caused you a lot of stress. You could have helped the situation by calling 105 earlier and making a report.

Friend: [Annoyed] Why are you giving her a hard time? She's called now and you're here now. Just help her.

Woman: Really? All you want to do is tell me to ring some fucking number and you would have done nothing, I want some action not just talk.

Incorrect response

I can imagine this has caused you a lot of stress. Can you speak to your whānau about what happened today?

Woman: No, telling my whānau can make things worse cos they get pissed off and will want to deal with him themselves.

Correct response

I can imagine this has caused you a lot of stress. I understand you have your friend for support, I can also refer you to Victim Support?

Woman: Thanks for asking... That would be great. I can talk to my whānau about it, and I have her [friend]. But the reality is that this guy being racist has an impact on all of us. My kids see us being targeted and it makes them worried that they'll be targeted too.

You are wrapping up with the woman. How do you end your interaction?

Thank you for your time today. Someone from the station will be in touch with you

Woman: yeah okay, but when? And who? I won't be surprised if he just gets nastier after today, I want to know when I can expect to hear from you.

Thank you for your time today, my next steps will be to follow up with your neighbour. You'll have your file number from reporting this, and you can use that to follow up or ask any questions so please keep it. Do you have any other questions?

Woman: Thanks so much. I really appreciate your time today and taking this seriously. I hope you can do something about him so we can enjoy our new neighbourhood.

Key Messages

The woman believes that her whānau have been targeted because they are Māori. Remember that hate is perception based. This means that if the victim believes that an event is motivated by hate then we flag 'perceived hate' as a contributing factor. Please try again.

Letting a victim know the process for their complaint can help reduce the harm that is caused and reduce their stress. Please try again.

Evidential sufficiency is not required to determine if perceived hate is a contributing factor. Hate is perception based. This means that if you, the victim, the witness, or any other third party believes the event is motivated by hate, then we flag 'perceived hate' as a contributing factor.

Our response to victims of hate crime can reduce or inflame the harm caused. Try talking about what we CAN do, not what we CAN'T. Please try again.

Standard prevention advice often isn't relevant for victims who are targeted because of a part of their identity. It can inflame the harm they experience. Please try again.

Evidential sufficiency is not required to determine if perceived hate is a contributing factor. All event perceived to be hate-motivated are NIA required records. Please try again.

We record to investigate, not investigate to record. We must code based on what is initially reported to us, not what we can prove with evidence. Please try again.

Facilitating s9(1)(h) of the Sentencing Act requires details – record the *specific* language and/or symbols, and/or actions to evidence the hate motivation. Please try again.

Key questions

Was the event filmed perceived to be motivated by hate?

Yes (correct)

No, this is a neighbours at war situation

Does the event captured in the recording meet the threshold of an offence?

Yes (correct)

No

*In the video the man is heard saying 'I'll put my dogs onto you, you fucking N*****'. This meets the threshold for an offence. Please try again*

Should you record the event that was recorded in NIA?

No, CARD is sufficient

No, hate motivation cannot be flagged until the suspect has been spoken to

Yes, it must be recorded and flagged for perceived hate (correct)

Which of the below must you do before you flag 'perceived hate' as a contributing factor?

Speak to the suspect and ask if he is targeting the whānau because they are Māori

Listen to the report from the woman – she perceives this as hate-motivated (correct)

Conduct a formal interview with the woman

I perceive this event to be motivated by prejudice against Māori (correct)

After flagging perceived hate as a contributing factor what perceived hate type would you flag?

Race (correct)

Religion

Sexual Orientation

Gender Identity

Disability

Age

Apart from who perceives the hate, what else would you record to evidence the hate motivation?

A general description of language used and actions taken, such as ‘racial slurs’, ‘threatening and aggressive behaviour’

A specific description of language used and actions taken: ‘I’ll put my dogs on you, you fucking N*****’
(correct)

Why is it important for hate-motivated events to be recorded accurately? Select all that apply and click submit.

To track patterns of offending (correct)

To provide intel for Police vetting processes, such as firearms licensing (correct)

To track any potential escalation of the suspect’s behaviour (correct)

Because communities who experience hate deserve and require more attention from Police than usual
(incorrect)