Reporting hate crime

Why is reporting important?

- Protects & supports victims
- Empowers victims & honours rights
- Ensures access to justice for all
- Creates a record
- Reveals the real level of hate crime
- Enables investigations & punishment
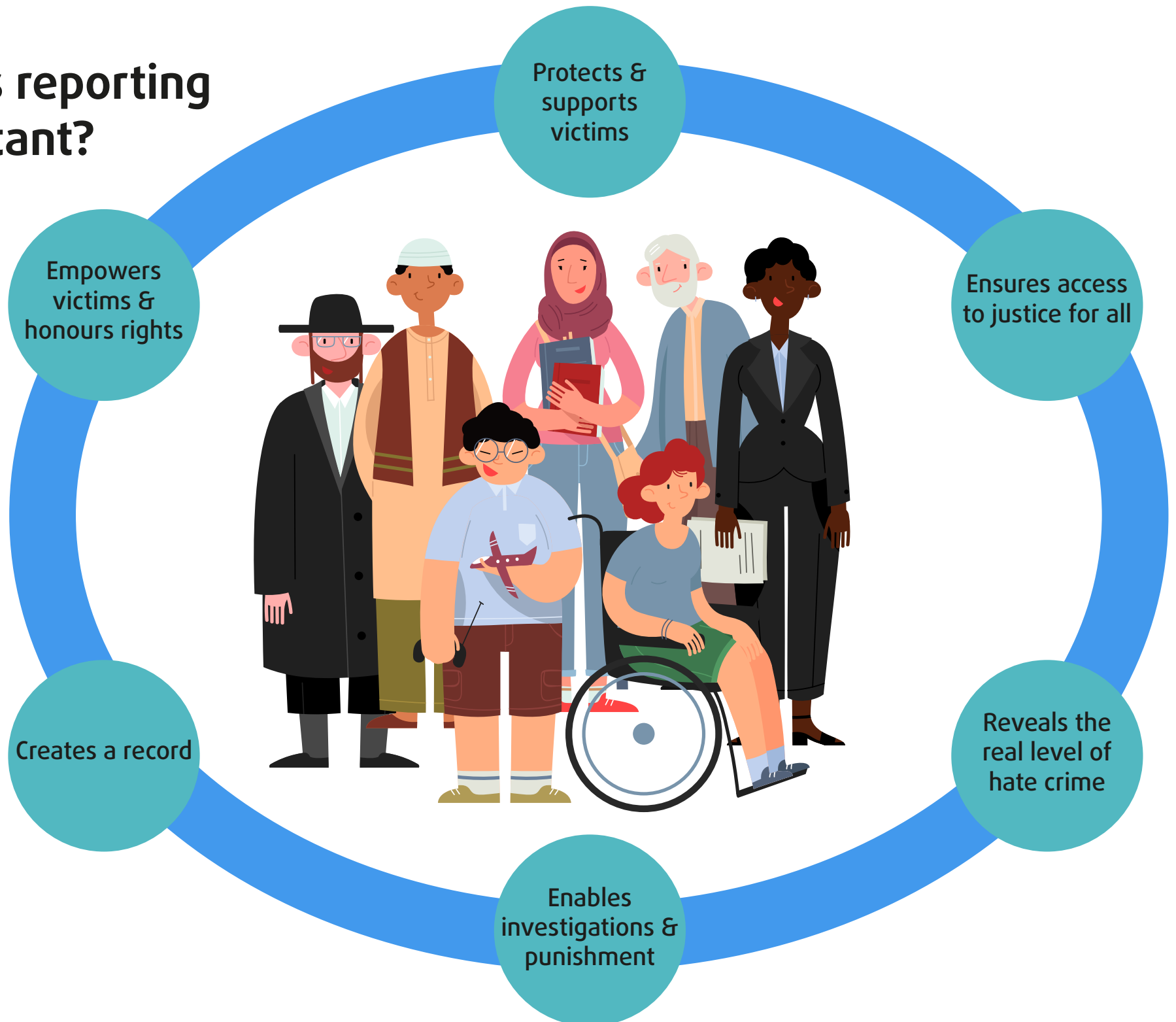
What must change

Society
- Combat discrimination & prejudice everywhere
- Publicly condemn hate crimes
- Raise rights awareness and empower victims & witnesses

Procedures
- Set up alternative ways of reporting & third-party reporting
- Improve capacities to recognise & record hate crime
- Refer victims to support services

Law enforcement
- Provide practical guidance & training to police officers
- Set up dedicated units investigating hate crime
- Cooperate closely with civil society & other organisations

Without reporting, hate crime remains hidden

Many experience violence because of racism & intolerance. It may be because of their skin colour due to their ethnic or immigration background. But it may also be due to their religion, sexual orientation or a disability.
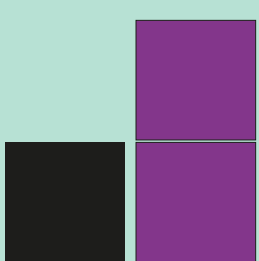
Some groups experience **2x** as much violence as the general population.
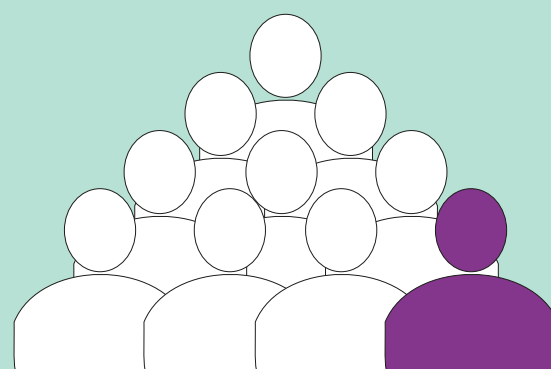
Up to **9** in **10** do not report attacks anywhere. Most think nothing would change if they reported it, say it is too difficult to report or they do not trust the police.

Based on FRA's report -
**Encouraging hate crime reporting:
the role of law enforcement and other authorities**

Find out more here:
https://fra.europa.eu/en/publication/2021/hate-crime-reporting

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