



Hate Crimes: Bystander Intervention

Resources

**California Attorney General's
Victims' Services Unit**
(877) 433-9069
VictimServices@doj.ca.gov

**California Fair Employment &
Housing Commission**
213-439-6799
www.dfeh.ca.gov

American Friends Service Committee
(215)241-7000
www.afsc.org

Right to Be
www.RighttoBe.org



For more information
and resources, visit
eqca.org/stopthehate

Before you Intervene

Understanding **the Do's & Don'ts of
Bystander Intervention** will help to prevent
further harm from a hate incident.

- ✓ **DO** make your presence known
- ✓ **DO** take cues from the individual
being harassed
- ✓ **DO** keep you both safe
- ✗ **DON'T** call the police unless
specifically asked by the
individual being harassed
- ✗ **DON'T** escalate the situation
- ✗ **DON'T** do nothing ²

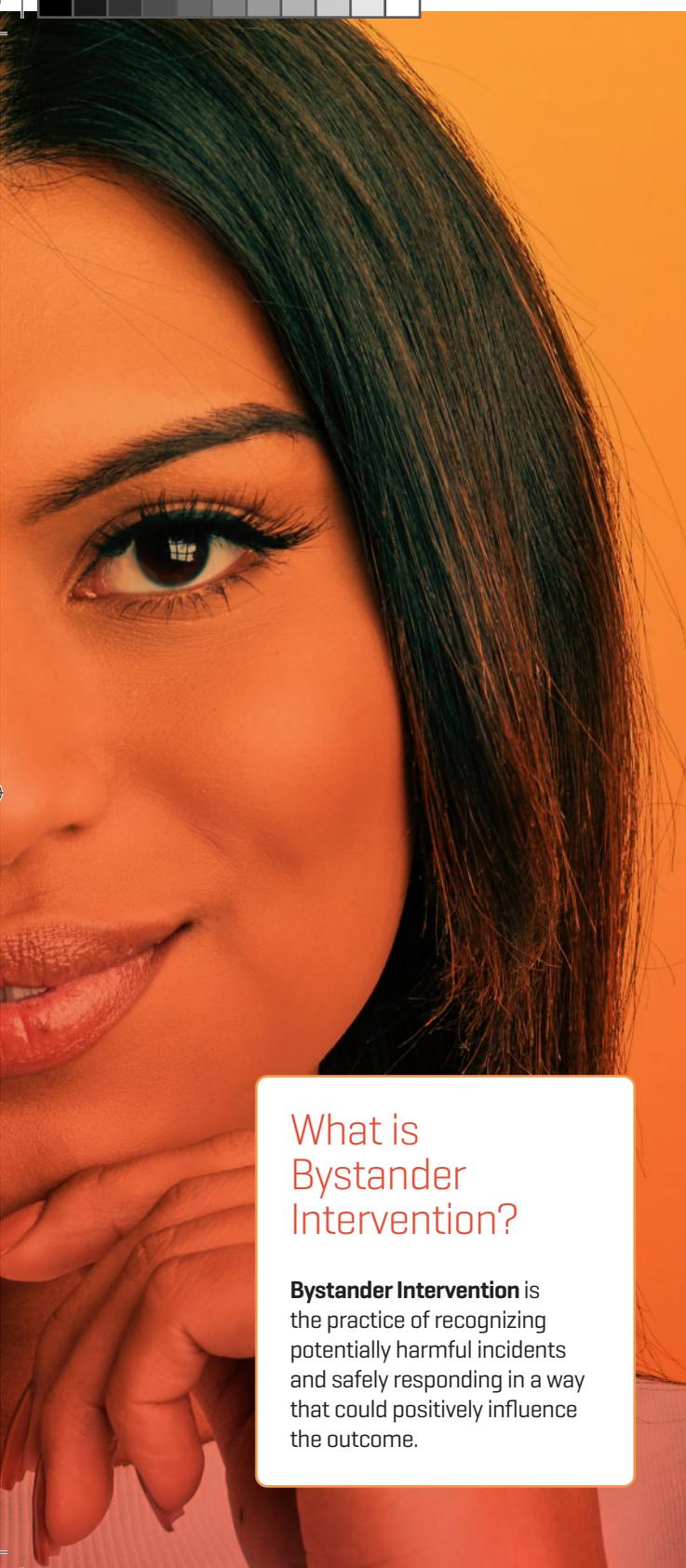
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What is Bystander Intervention?

Bystander Intervention is the practice of recognizing potentially harmful incidents and safely responding in a way that could positively influence the outcome.



The Bureau of Justice Statistics notes that from 2017-2020¹:

58%

Only **58% of violent victimizations** of lesbian or gay persons were reported to law enforcement.

2x+

The rate of violent victimization of lesbian or gay persons was **more than two times** the rate for straight persons.

2.5x

The rate of violent victimization against transgender persons was **2.5 times** the rate among cisgender persons.¹

The 5 Ds of Bystander Intervention



Distract

Try to derail the incident by interrupting it



Delegate

Get help from a nearby willing third party



Document

If you've assessed safety and the individual being harassed is already receiving assistance, it can be helpful to record the situation.



Delay

In the event you cannot help during the harassment, check-in with the person that was harassed about safety and needed support.



Direct

If you and the individual being harassed are physically safe, and escalation is unlikely, respond directly to the aggressor and ask to them to stop.³