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# **KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION**

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Caring for Communities since 1972



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# **VICTIMS OF CRIME ADVOCACY PROGRAM**

# ABOUT US

KWA's Victims of Crime Advocacy Program (VOCA) provides culturally sensitive and trauma-informed supportive services to Asian adults regardless of their residency status.

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## THE STATISTICS...

One in five Asian Americans has experienced a hate incident the past year, including verbal harassment, shunning, and physical assault.

From March 19, 2020 to December 31, 2021, a total of 10,905 hate incidents against Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) persons were reported to Stop AAPI Hate.

Anti-Asian hate crimes increased 339% nationwide in 2021.

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“They came and spit in my face in the bar and said, ‘it’s all your fault because you’re Chinese.’ And I’m like, it’s not my fault,” Barreto said.

“There are a lot of senior citizens in this area and sometimes they’re scared to go out,” said William Barreto, who is Filipino Chinese. “I don’t even feel safe walking one block home,” he said.

# **Tukwila mall restaurant owner speaks out after being shot 11 times leaving work**

**By** Olivia LaVoice | **Published** June 25, 2021 | Crime and Public Safety | Q13 FOX

CRIME

## Man arrested in Lincoln District window smashing, police say

BY ALLISON NEEDLES

UPDATED DECEMBER 16, 2021 8:33 PM



## Police investigate anti-Asian bias incidents at Golden Gardens and a Ballard restaurant

📅 05/24/2020 👤 Geeky Swedes

Monday night update: The have responded. [Updates](#)

FACING RACE

## 10th hate crime reported in King County as leaders and victims decry Asian violence

King County prosecutors say the latest hate crime case targeted Asian women.

# Tacoma Police investigate hate crime after video shows attack on Asian man

Tacoma Police are investigating a hate crime after video surfaced of a violent attack on an Asian man and woman in the city.

Posted March 31, 2021



## Washington teenager arrested for attack on Asian couple caught on video

*The 15-year-old suspect was charged with second-degree assault.*

By **Marlene Lenthang**  
April 3, 2021, 12:21 PM

Law & Justice | Local News

## Prosecutors charge man with hate crime, accusing him of targeting Asian women in Seattle

March 27, 2021 at 6:00 am | Updated March 27, 2021 at 6:58 am



## Victim of attack in Chinatown-International District says assault was hate crime

by Suzanne Phan and Tammy Mutasa, KOMO News Reporters

CRIME

## Buddhist nun attacked outside temple in Tacoma. Police investigation continues

BY PETER TALBOT

UPDATED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 9:14 AM



CRIME

## Bothell man charged with second-degree murder after stabbing, killing neighbor

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Investigators believe the victim had no prior interaction with the suspect

CRIME

## Man accused of gunning down ex-girlfriend in Lakewood faces murder charge

SEATTLE · Published February 8, 2022 2:34pm EST

## Seattle man caught on camera attacking woman with bat as police staffing crisis mounts

Suspect Wantez Tulloss, 41, arrested the next day



**COMMUNITY-  
BASED ADVOCACY  
SERVICES**

**OPEN 8:30 AM TO  
5:00 PM MONDAY-  
FRIDAY**

**ELIGIBLE TO ASIAN  
VICTIMS OF CRIME  
AGES 18 AND UP**



## **BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATES AVAILABLE**

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**Our advocates speak Korean,  
Khmer, and Vietnamese, but  
support anyone from any country.**

### **PHONE NUMBER**

**253-389-1872**

### **LOCATION**

**125 East 96th Street. Tacoma,  
Washington 98445**

## **CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORTIVE SERVICES**

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Clients participate in confidential, voluntary supportive services, regardless of receiving financial assistance. However, the client must meet the eligibility criteria.



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## SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

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- Must be at least 18 years old
  - Identify as Asian
  - Must believe that they are a victim of crime.
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## TYPES OF CRIMES WE SUPPORT

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- Vehicular Assault
- DUI/DWI Accidents
- Harassment
- Bullying
- Hate Crimes
- Homicide

## TYPES OF CRIMES THAT TARGET THE ELDERLY

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- Cyber Crimes
- Identity Theft
- Fraud
- Theft
- Burglary
- Property Crimes

## TYPES OF CRIMES THAT REQUIRE MANDATORY REPORTING IF THE VICTIM IS A VULNERABLE ADULT

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- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse
- Financial Exploitation
- Neglect
- Abandonment



# SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Crisis Intervention
- Safety planning
- Discussion of options and next steps
- Legal advocacy and court support



# SUPPORTIVE SERVICES

- Benefit enrollment assistance
- Crime Victims' Compensation application assistance
- Connections to resources to meet their needs
- Emergency Financial Assistance



## TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- Transportation Assistance
- Food Assistance
- Legal Fees
- Personal Identification Documents
- Moving Costs



## TYPES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- **Rental and Housing Assistance:** may include first and last month's rent, and up to 3 months of rental assistance.
- **Utility Payments:** one-time assistance for utility deposit or payment
- **Hotel/Motel Stay:** up to 30 nights of hotel/motel assistance may be provided
- **Other Costs:** any costs related to increasing the safety and economic stability, such as changing locks, car repairs, purchasing medications, hygiene products, clothing, etc.



# TRAUMA INFORMED PERSPECTIVES

Fight, Flight, Freeze, and Fawn

How do you think trauma affects people, and especially those who have experienced a crime?

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"A lot of our community members don't know they can report, or they are afraid to report to law enforcement. They would rather share with the community groups they feel comfortable with."

-Quyen Dinh, executive director of Southeast Asia Resource Action Center, a community advocacy group and civil rights organization.

"When anyone is personally attacked, much more if they're personally attacked because of their identity, your safe place is to go somewhere where you can talk about it in a way that you feel most comfortable,"

– Carmelyn Malalis, the commissioner of the New York City Commission on Human Rights

# SO WHY US?

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It may be difficult for victims to reach out for help, but by contacting our agency for victim services they will find that our advocates can offer them information, support, and access to helpful community-based services that they may not know about.

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# HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Victims may have many barriers to disclosing their abuse, such as shame, guilt, and fear.**

Talk to the person you are concerned about.

- Let them know you believe them. The abuse is not their fault.
- Acknowledge that these are difficult decisions; respect what the victim decides.

If the person is in immediate danger, call 911.  
If not, have them reach out to the Victims Services Program Coordinator,  
Andrew Nguyen



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