

KOREAN WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Caring for Communities since 1972



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.

"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

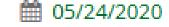
Man arrested in Lincoln District window smashing, police say

BY ALLISON NEEDLES

UPDATED DECEMBER 16, 2021 8:33 PM



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





Monday night update: The have responded. Updates h 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









by Suzanne Phan and Tammy Mutasa, KOMO News Reporters

CRIME

Buddhist nun attacked outside temple in Tacoma. Police investigation continues

BY PETER TALBOT







Bothell man charged with seconddegree murder after stabbing, killing neighbor

Investigators believe the victim had no prior interaction with the

suspect

CRIME

Man accused of gunning down exgirlfriend 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



COMMUNITYBASED ADVOCACY
SERVICES

OPEN 8:30 AM TO
5:00 PM MONDAYFRIDAY

ELIGIBLE TO ASIAN VICTIMS OF CRIME AGES 18 AND UP



BILINGUAL VICTIM ADVOCATES AVAILABLE

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

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



SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- Must be at least 18 years old
- Identify as Asian
- Must believe that they are a victim of crime.



TYPES OF CRIMES WE SUPPORT

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

TYPES OF CRIMES THAT TARGET THE ELDERLY

- Cyber Crimes
- Identity Theft
- Fraud

- Theft
- Burglary
- Property Crimes

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

- Physical Abuse
- Sexual Abuse
- Emotional Abuse

- Financial Exploitation
- Neglect
- Abandonment



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



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



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



- 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?

"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?

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,

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