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Washington Governor - Jay Inslee

Inslee statement on rising cases of anti-Asian hate crimes

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Story

Gov. Jay Inslee released a statement today in response to increasing and escalating acts of violence targeting Asians and Asian-Americans.

“Washington is a place where all people should feel safe and included. This is a welcoming state and I have a zero-tolerance policy for hate and racism. We must all condemn the acts of hate and violence displayed in the rising incidence of anti-Asian hate crimes in both Washington state and across the country. This is wholly unacceptable and must not stand.

“We saw this ugly trend surge a year ago, when COVID-19 first emerged in our state. One year later, we have a vaccine for the virus – but racism is still running rampant.

“Victims deserve support and justice. There are systems in place to ensure offenders face consequences for their unconscionable actions. I encourage victims to come forward and report their experience to local law enforcement.

“I stand in solidarity with members of the Asian community who continue to experience fear and intimidation. They deserve better, and we must do everything in our power to make their safety and security a priority and to eliminate racism in Washington.”

****Find more information on hate crimes and resources available to victims, regardless of immigration status, [here](#). Interpretation services are available.**

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