EXAMPLES OF COMMUNITY TENSIONS

National and international

Global conflict which has the potential to impact upon the local community, political unrest receiving extensive media coverage, extremist/terrorist activity, e.g. Christchurch mosque shootings.

Emerging themes

Global, regional and state events on the horizon, including significant anniversaries and planned demonstrations, e.g. anti-vaccine, black lives matter, anti-abortion, veganism, animal rights activists, Australia day, LGBTIQA+ pride parade, religious festivals.

Serious injury to person(s) in police presence

Child deaths, deaths in custody, police shootings.

Family tensions

Honour-based violence, e.g. forced marriage, female genital mutilation, dowry abuse, family feuds, retribution.

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How can you report community tension?

Anyone may report community tensions online at Crime Stoppers WA website using the online report form or by telephoning the call centre on 1800 333 000.

Your anonymity

We value the information you provide much more than knowing your identity. That's why we take measures to protect your anonymity if you prefer it, whether you use the online report form or telephone the call centre.

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INTERVENTION AND SUPPORT

What is social cohesion?

Social Cohesion is defined as a society that works towards the wellbeing of all its members, fights exclusion and marginalisation, creates a sense of belonging, promotes trust and offers its members the opportunity of upward mobility.

What is community tension?

Community tensions are significant events or incidents, either within or outside the local area, that may threaten the peace and stability of communities; may give rise to hate crimes or non-crime hate incidents; lead to disorder or crime.

Why monitor community tensions?

In order to understand community dynamics and factors impacting on social cohesion we need to gather information on community tensions to increase awareness and provide improved targeted community engagement, strategies and police response.

What sort of information is relevant?

Information impacting the community, what the tension is and what section of the community are affected. Where the tension is occurring and potential consequence on social cohesion.

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Community tensions include but are not limited to:

Political

Local demonstrations or meetings; extremist political activity (leafleting, graffiti, meetings); elections or by-elections at which extremist candidates are standing; issues, potentially detrimental to community cohesion, which are prominent on the public agenda, e.g. Covid-19 vaccine mandates.

Community

Tensions between specific communities, such as different ethnic communities, faith groups or people living in different areas, a rise in criminal activity in a particular area, such as a spate of crime or increasing gang activity. Threats to community safety, e.g. the release of a sex offender into the community.

Immigration, asylum seekers and refugees

Local concerns about the resettlement of refugees and the effects of migration on the local area; the impact of national policy on local migration, e.g. asylum dispersal on the local area; racist attacks motivated by anti-migrant sentiment.

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Racial and religious

Issues of a religious or racial nature, for example an increase in concerns about hate crime targeting a particular ethnicity, faith, community or group.

LGBTIQA+

Condemnation of sexual orientation, homophobic attacks, anti-discrimination legislation, e.g. controversial religious discrimination bill proposing protection of people based on sexuality, not gender identity

Criminal

Vulnerable victims of crime, gang activity and anti-social behaviour, out of control parties, differing ethnicities between gangs, conflict between school/college students, vigilantes.

Exploitation

Slavery, sexual exploitation, servitude, labour exploitation, human trafficking.