

COMMUNITY ALERT



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AVP learns of anti-gay bias attack at a West Village McDonalds

AVP has learned of an [anti-gay bias attack](#) that occurred at about 7pm on Wednesday evening, September 19, at the McDonalds on West 3rd Street in Manhattan's West Village neighborhood. According to police, a man [said anti-gay remarks before slashing a 22-year-old man with a razor](#). The survivor was taken to Bellevue Hospital and treated for his injuries to his face, back, elbow and neck. Police are currently seeking the offender.

As the media is reporting, this particular McDonalds location has been the scene of previous violence, including anti-gay hate violence. Last March AVP responded to the [bias motivated attack on Damien Furtch that occurred at the same location](#). **AVP will be doing street and bar outreach in the neighborhood from 5-8PM tonight** with safety tips, hotline information and ways to get involved in our campaigns on anti-LGBTQ violence. To join us tonight in the outreach, please contact Joyce Li at jli@avp.org or 212.714.1184.

AVP is reaching out to the NYPD, the office of New York City Council Speaker Christine Quinn, and local community organizations regarding this incident. We will keep you informed of developments.

AVP encourages you to report violence you experience or witness to our **24-hour bilingual (English/Spanish) hotline at 212-714-1141** where you can speak with a trained counselor and seek support, or you can [report violence anonymously online](#) via our website.

Find out more about AVP at our [website](#), get regular updates on our ongoing work on [Facebook](#), and [get involved](#) and make a difference!