

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE have the RIGHT to equal access in HOUSING & PUBLIC ACCOMMODATION



Housing is much more than a roof over our heads. Our homes are places that keep us protected from the elements, can be the center of our family lives and provide us with a sense of security. People need safe and sanitary places in which to live. Everyone should have equal access to buying, renting and keeping a home.

Sadly, discrimination based on gender identity and expression in housing and public accommodations is still not banned in most of the United States. Transgender people continue to face hostile landlords; mortgage lenders may look askance at people who have changed their names. In public places, transgender people have been asked to leave for no other reason than that they were different.

Fortunately, an increasing number of places are changing their civil rights codes to include gender identity and expression as a protected category for housing and public accommodation. We need to insure that people of all genders are free to live where they wish to, in safe, affordable housing and to enjoy the same rights in public as the rest of the population.

See United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, Articles 12, 17 and 25.

