

TRANSGENDER PEOPLE



have the **RIGHT** to be
SAFE from violence.

Violence is a devastating force in our world. It not only directly interferes with our human rights but it breeds fear that lowers our quality of life. People have the right to live free from violence in our communities, on our streets and in our homes.

Transgender people continue to face epidemic levels of hate-motivated violence. We are the targets of violent speech, physical force and ongoing harassment. Far too many transgender people are murdered simply because of who they are. Law enforcement has inadequate means to record, track or counteract this trend and sometimes is the problem, rather than the solution.

Despite these roadblocks, increasing numbers of local, state and federal governments are working to address hate crimes. We must continue to work on changing laws and on transforming the prejudice and fear that lead to violence.

See *United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights, Articles 3-4*

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