About Us: Safe To Be You! project partners have joined together to make sure LGBTQ+ survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking can access civil legal assistance wherever they are in New Mexico. Project staff are dedicated to providing free civil legal services – legal advice, referrals and/or full attorney representation in court – to address the broad range of legal needs within the LGBTQ+ community.

All communications are free and confidential. A lawyer can help you understand your options. Reaching out does not mean you have to take action or go to court, only that by knowing more about your rights and choices, you can make better informed decisions. The choices are always yours to make. We can help you with legal problems ranging from housing and healthcare to education, employment, family law, and civil rights.

**What is Abuse?**

Abuse does not mean the occasional argument every once in a while, which happens in all relationships, gay or straight. Abuse is a pattern of harmful and controlling behavior that someone uses against a significant other, intimate partner, or household member. Dating abuse, stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence are all about power and control, and can include both coercive behavior, in addition to physical abuse.

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**We Are Here to Help**

Need Free and Confidential Legal Help? Call toll free or text our helpline: 1-877-545-7270 or email: Safe2BU@nmlegalaid.org

**Online Applications:**

www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org/Get-Legal-Help
www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org/Safe2BU

CAUTION! Please call or email the helpline only from a phone or an email address that is safe and private. Do not use a phone or an email account that anyone other than you or a trusted friend may have access to. If you are in immediate danger or require emergency response, call 911 before calling us.

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Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer Americans reporting they have experienced violence, threats, or harassment because of their sexuality or gender identity.

![Chart showing percentages of different types of harassment](chart.png)

Source: 2017 Survey, Matthew Zhang/NPR

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No matter who you are or how you identify, know that you are not alone!
The New Mexico Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence has established a New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc., an Office of Violence Against Women-funded legal aid project to assist survivors of gender violence. New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc. provides legal services to survivors of gender violence, including assistance with family law issues, such as custody and support; domestic violence restraining order and defense; immigration assistance; and legal representation for survivors in other legal matters.

Legal Services Offered:
- Family law—custody and failure, divorce, custody
- Employment problems
- Medical
- Health care access
- Consumer/relief
- Other public benefits
- Tax or food stamps (SNAP, SSI, and
- Tenant housing and foreclosure
- Protection and restraining orders in state or tribal court

Legal Services and Referrals Offered:
- Gender transitioning
- Name change and legal issues with relationships
- Education, immigration
- Trauma counseling
- Civil rights
- Police reports, emancipation

Address:
New Mexico Legal Aid, Inc.
600 Central Avenue
Albuquerque, NM 87102
Phone: (505) 897-7257
Email: info@nmegalaid.org
Website: www.nmegalaid.org

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To find the office location nearest you, visit www.nmegalaid.org.

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