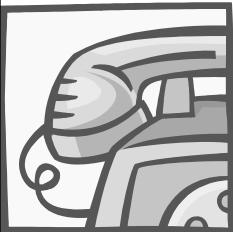


About The Legal Hotline

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania operates a legal hotline that is staffed during regular business hours. The legal hotline handles over 600 calls a year. Our attorneys and clinic staff have helped many LGBT people with various legal problems.



Whether you are ready to take steps to get a legal name change, or you are just seeking more legal information, Equality Advocates can help.

To contact the legal hotline, call (215) 731-1447, ext. 15. If you are outside the Philadelphia area, call our statewide hotline number, **1-866-LGBT-LAW**. Leave a detailed message, indicating when and where it is safe to call you back, and an advocate will return your call as soon as possible.

Equality Advocates may also be able to help you with other legal issues affecting transgender people such as:

**Child Custody
Domestic Violence
Employment Discrimination
Housing Discrimination
Public Accommodations Discrimination**

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania is a non-profit agency dedicated to achieving equality for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in Pennsylvania through direct legal services, education, and policy reform.

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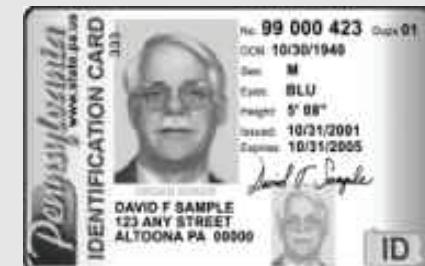
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**LEGAL SERVICES FOR
TRANSGENDER
PEOPLE:
Changing your name & I.D.
to match you.**



**Know your legal rights in
Pennsylvania**

This brochure supplies legal information. It does not give legal advice and is not meant to take the place of a lawyer.

Why should you legally change your name?

Have you faced difficult situations because the name on your driver's license is different than your gender identity?

Have you had difficulty applying for a job because the name on your social security card "outs" you as transgender?

Have you had a hard time enrolling in school because of inconsistent identity documentation?

Have you faced harassment, embarrassment or violence because your name is different from your gender identity?

Can I legally change my name in Pennsylvania?

In Pennsylvania, you can change your name even if you have never had and never plan to have sex reassignment surgery (SRS).

You can change your name for any reason other than fraud (such as to avoid creditors). If you are under age 18, a parent or legal guardian's consent is required. If you have a criminal record, you may still be able to legally change your name. If you want to change your sex designation on your identity documents, you must submit a doctor's letter that you had SRS.

The process may take two to four months and can cost between \$300 to \$700, depending on where you live.

Once you change your name, you can change your social security card, driver's license, passport, birth certificate and other identifying documents.



How long will it take? How much does it cost?

Where can transgender people get help?

Equality Advocates Pennsylvania offers free legal information and representation for LGBT people.

Equality Advocates can help you by:

- Giving you a "do-it-yourself" Name Change Kit;
- Explaining the exact steps and costs of changing your name based upon the county where you live;
- Providing you with the forms you will need to fill out to change your name, social security card, driver's license or state I.D., passport and birth certificate; and
- Representing in court you for the legal name change if you are eligible for an Equality Advocates attorney.



You can get free, sensitive and confidential legal help.