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FREE SERVICES

Social services counseling

- Consultation with a social worker
- Accompanying you to the authorities, doctors, and police, support for crime victims during such negotiations
- Personal safety plan in cases of danger
- Counseling on interacting with the media
- Arranging for psychological and therapeutic aid
- Crisis support in person or by telephone

Legal information

- Explaining rights in a criminal proceedings and aiding you with asserting them
- Preventing secondary victimization
- Legal submissions
- Aid with document preparations

Legal Representation

- Arranging for attorney services
- Legal representation in criminal proceedings and/or civil proceedings
- Claiming damages and compensation
- Filing constitutional complaints in justified cases

Have you been assaulted because of gender identity or sexual orientation?

Counseling Center Justýna will assist aid you with defending your rights



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Bias violence takes these forms

verbal abuse and assault

online threats

intimidation

threats

blackmail

defamatory graffiti

property damage

sexual assault

rape

physical assault

Somebody from your immediate circle can also be an assailant. Unlike other endangered groups, the typical perpetrator of bias violence against LGBT+ people is a loved one. The assault can be a reaction to your **coming out**.

Confide in somebody you trust. **Coming out** is important to your integrity, as a person, and is an opportunity to live your life according to your emotional and sexual preferences.

Assaults can meet the definition of more than one kind of **crime**. In less serious cases, what happened may be considered a **misdemeanor**.

What can you do on your own right now?

- **Call the police on emergency line 158 or file a criminal report.**
- If you are in **danger right now**, go to a **public place** (a hospital, a post office, etc.).
- **Ask an individual for help** – if you ask a group of people whom you do not know for help, they are less likely to respond.
- If you have been harmed, **get medical attention** and have your injuries documented. If you decide to file a crime report later, the medical report will be useful evidence.
- Tell somebody whom you trust what happened.
- If what was committed against you meets the definition of **behavior considered less serious** (i.e., a misdemeanor), file a motion for it to be **investigated by the relevant local authority**.
- If the behavior was motivated by bias, you can also defend yourself by filing a **lawsuit for protection of your person** in either an administrative or civil law proceedings.
- Contact Counseling Center Justyna.
- **Counseling Center Justyna will help you defend your rights.**

You have right to

- Information and aid from **professionals at no cost to you**
- Information in a language you understand, including at the police station
- **Short-term protection** by police
- Removal of somebody from a residence you share with them
- Court injunction in cases of serious danger to your life, health, freedom or dignity posed by an assailant
- **The opportunity to keep information about your identity and other personal information** (e.g., your home address) from being discovered by the assailant
- You don't have to encounter the assailant again
- You can **choose the gender of the person questioning you about what happened**
- Questioning should happen just once and be performed sensitively
- You have the right to be accompanied to your questioning by a confidant
- **Financial aid** to overcome any unfavorable financial situation caused by the crime
- **Compensation for damages** to be awarded during the criminal proceeding