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Our Free Services

Social Counselling

- Consultations with a social worker
- Assistance with visits to public authorities, doctors and the Police
- Safety plan in case of emergency
- Advice on media matters
- Referrals to psychological support and therapy
- Crisis Assistance

Legal Information

- Advice on your rights in criminal proceeding and help with their enforcement
- Prevention of secondary harm
- Preparation of documents and complaints

Legal Services

- Assistance with access to legal services
- Representation throughout the criminal and related civil proceedings
- Claiming damages
- In justified cases, filing constitutional complaints

Have you been
attacked because of
your sexual orientation
or gender identity?

Justýna Counselling

Centre will help you

defend your rights



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#speakup

What form can bias-based violence come in?

verbal attacks and swearing

online attacks intimidation

threats extortion

defamatory graffiti

property damage sexual assault

rape physical attack

Even someone **in your proximity can be an attacker**. Unlike with other at risk groups, the perpetrators of bias violence against LGBT+ people are often their loved ones. An attack can be a response to your coming out.

Confide in someone you trust.

Coming out is important for personal integrity and the ability to live your life according to your sexual and emotional preferences.

An assault like this may meet criteria for a number of **criminal offences**. Less severe cases may constitute a **misdemeanour**.

What can you do for yourself?

- You can **contact the Police at 158 emergency hotline or file a criminal complaint**
- If you are in **imminent danger**, try to find a **public space** (a hospital, post office, etc.)
- **Ask a specific individual for help**. If you reach out to an anonymous group of people, it is less likely that someone will help you.
- If you have been injured, **seek medical help**. Photograph your injuries and make sure to obtain a medical report from the doctor. Both can serve as important evidence.
- Confide in somebody you trust.
- In **less serious cases** (i.e. a misdemeanours) file a request for **investigation with the relevant municipal office**.
- You can also fight bias-based acts against yourself by **filing a right of privacy cation in civil or administrative proceedings**.
- Contact Justyna Counselling Centre.
- **Justyna Counselling Centre will help you defend your rights**.

You have a right to

- information and **free professional assistance**
- **information** in a language you understand, including when dealing with the Police
- short-term Police **protection**
- have an aggressor evicted from a shared accommodation
- preliminary measures in case your life, health, freedom or dignity are threatened by the aggressor
- have your **identity** and other personal data (e.g. home address) **concealed** in the police file
- prevent the aggressor from contacting you
- **choose** whether you want to be questioned by a man or a woman
- one-off and **sensitively** conducted questioning
- be accompanied by a **confidant** and represented by an **attorney** during the interrogation
- **financial assistance** to overcome financial difficulties after failing victim to a crime
- damages awarded in criminal proceedings