

Equal Rights

Any Gender

Being gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or intersexual means that you are part of humanity's diversity, **that you are protected against discrimination by German law** and is neither sickness nor sin.

Article 3 of the **German constitution** section 1 and 3 states:

- (1) **All** persons shall be equal before the law.
- (3) **No person** shall be favoured or disfavoured because of sex, parentage, race, language, homeland and origin, faith, or religious or political opinions. No person shall be disfavoured because of disability.

General Act on Equal Treatment

(Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz, **AGG**) shall protect all people (women, men, intersexuals and transgender) regardless of their sexual orientation **from discrimination**. Discrimination means: to mistreat or disadvantage somebody.

The AGG shall ensure unimpaired access to Education, Employment, housing, public facilities without discrimination.

Rights for

Lesbians, Gays, Bisexuals, Transgender, Intersexuals

Gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgender and intersexuals who are persecuted in their respective home countries because of sexual orientation or gender identity and are subject to punishment, threat to life and physical condition, cruel or humiliating treatment **can have cause for asylum in Germany**.

If law for **transgender** in the country of origin does not meet the level of case law regarding the German gender recognition act in the aspect of physical integrity a conjunction with other causes may possibly lead to a *severe violation of human rights* and a cause for asylum.

No proof is required for reasons of escape but must be stated plausible and without contradictions. It's important to state the reason for asylum in the very first hearing.

Refugees from **“Safe Countries of Origin/ Sichere Herkunftsstaaten“** are required to declare why they are persecuted regardless of the general situation of that country.

If the application for asylum in Germany is not successful, the UN convention and protocol related to the status of refugees may possibly protect from deportation.

Rights for

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Two women or two men can commit to a registered civil union (**Eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft**). This recognizes same-sex partnerships officially.

Even **Non-Germans** can commit to a registered civil union / **Eingetragene Lebenspartnerschaft**. This couple may apply for family reunion / **Familienzusammenführung** if only one of them has a residence permit.

Lesbian and gay couples can raise and adopt children together. In case of a registered civil union one partner can adopt the other partner's biological child (**Stepchild adoption**).

The German gender recognition act **Transsexuellengesetz (TSG)** allows Transgender to change their legal gender and first name in the birth certificate and all official documents and defines the legal procedure for that. Divorce or medical intervention are not required.

Intersexual people may change their legal gender and first name by claiming false diagnosis at birth and a medical expertise stating intersexuality.

For more information or support please ask one of the professionals in charge.

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- we listen.
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- the counsel is free of charge

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