

New Mexico Legal Aid provides free civil legal assistance to low-income individuals and victims of violence regardless of income.

Headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico Legal Aid's services are available throughout the state, including in tribal communities.

To find the office location nearest you, visit [www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org](http://www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org), About Us section.

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## Legal Services and Referrals Offered

What can we do for you? We may be able to help or find you help with:

- Protection and restraining orders in state or tribal court
- Eviction, housing and foreclosure
- TANF, food stamps (SNAP), SSI and other public benefits
- Loans, credit problems, financial counseling, consumer Relief
- Health care access: Medicare and Medicaid
- Employment problems
- Family law – marriage / divorce, custody, parentage, emancipation
- Civil rights
- Trauma counseling
- Immigration
- Relationship recognition
- Problems with schools
- Name changes and legal issues with gender transitioning

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**Statewide Offices:**

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**LGBTQ+ Legal Access Project**

**Free Legal Services for  
LGBTQ+ Survivors of Violence**

**A Partnership and Project Of:**





Safe To Be You!

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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.

## We Are Here to Help

Need Free and Confidential Legal Help?

Call toll free our helpline:

**1-877-545-7270** or email:

**Safe2BU@nmlegalaid.org**

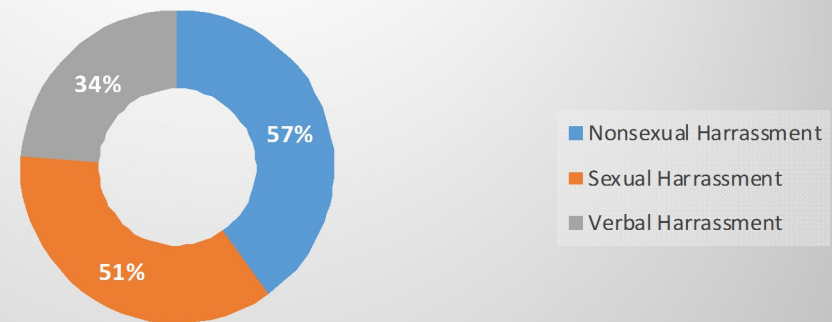
### Online Applications:

[www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org/Get-Legal-Help](http://www.NewMexicoLegalAid.org/Get-Legal-Help)

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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.**

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



Source: 2017 Survey, Matthew Zhang/NPR

*No matter who you are or how you identify, know that you are not alone!*