

# Trans Rights are Human Rights!



In Ontario, trans people have no explicit legislative human rights protections.

In 2000, The Ontario Human Rights Commission recognized that trans people (a term that includes, but is not limited to, transsexual and transgender people) are one of the most “disadvantaged and disenfranchised” groups in our society and that “fear and hatred... combined with hostility towards their very existence are fundamental human rights issues”.

The Commission also recommended that “By adding the ground ‘gender identity’ to the (Ontario Human Rights) Code, there would be no doubt legally or politically that (trans) people have the same protections as everyone else.”

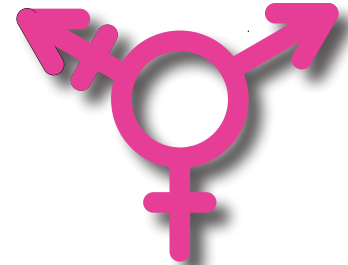
Seven years later, trans people’s stark realities have not changed. Nevertheless, the Government of Ontario has failed to follow the Commission’s recommendation to include “gender identity” in the Ontario Human Rights Code.

“Gender Identity” has been included as an explicit ground of Human Rights Protection in the Northwest Territories and in several US states and trans human rights have been addressed by explicit legislation in the United Kingdom. Nevertheless, Ontario, a province that promotes itself as a human rights leader, trails behind.

The time is now for the Government of Ontario to take a stand against transphobia and discrimination against trans people by adding “Gender Identity” to the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The Trans Human Rights Campaign is urging the Ontario Government to do its part to stop discrimination and harassment against trans people by adopting an amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code to include 'gender identity'

# YOU CAN HELP !



1. Sign the "Trans Rights are Human Rights" Petition
2. Become Educated and Challenge Transphobia
3. Contact your MPP and demand that they support an amendment to the Ontario Human Rights Code to include 'Gender Identity'
4. Join the Trans Human Rights Campaign and support its work by volunteering or making a financial contribution.

For more information visit the Trans Human Rights Campaign website at [www.transhumanrightscampaign.org](http://www.transhumanrightscampaign.org)  
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