

### GUIDE FOR LGBTQIA+ INDIVIDUALS AND WOMEN

## Personal Safety & Medical Rights Under a Fascist Trump Administration



### 1. PROTECTING YOUR PRIVACY IN MEDICAL SETTINGS

#### LIMIT DISCLOSURE

- Only share what is necessary for the treatment you are receiving.
- You are NOT required to disclose sexual orientation, gender identity, or pregnancy history unless directly relevant.
- If pressured, respond with:
  - "That's not relevant to my treatment."
  - "I prefer not to answer."





#### RIGHT TO REFUSE INVASIVE QUESTIONS

- If asked about sexual history, gender identity, or reproductive choices when irrelevant:
  - "I'd like to focus on the immediate medical concern."
  - "I don't feel comfortable answering that."
- If they insist, ask:
  - "Can you explain why this is necessary for my care today?"

#### USE THE RIGHT TO SAY 'I DON'T KNOW'

- In unsafe settings, you are not obligated to confirm personal details.
- If a provider is hostile, stating "I'm not sure" can help avoid further interrogation.





#### REFUSE UNNECESSARY TESTING & EXAMS

- Some hospitals may push for invasive procedures (pregnancy tests, STI screenings, etc.).
- · Ask:
  - "Is this test legally required or medically necessary?"
  - . "I'd like to opt out."
- If denied treatment without compliance, document everything and seek legal support.

## SEEK LGBTQIA+ AND REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS-ALIGNED PROVIDERS

- Use directories like:
  - GLMA (Health Professionals Advancing LGBTQ Equality)
  - Planned Parenthood (Even in hostile states, they provide guidance)
  - National Network of Abortion Funds



## 2. DIGITAL & PRIVACY PROTECTIONS

#### MEDICAL RECORDS & APPS

- · Avoid period-tracking apps unless encrypted and secure.
- If seeking gender-affirming or reproductive care, ask:
  - "How is my information stored? Who has access?"



#### USE SECURE COMMUNICATION

- Avoid discussing sensitive topics via phone calls, texts, or emails linked to your legal identity.
- Use encrypted apps like Signal or ProtonMail.
- Turn off location tracking when visiting sensitive medical facilities.



## 3. LEGAL RIGHTS & DEALING WITH AUTHORITIES

#### KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

- You are NOT obligated to answer questions about gender identity, sexuality, pregnancy, or abortion history.
- If a doctor refuses care based on "religious beliefs," request written documentation and report it.
- If detained at a hospital against your will, ask:
  - "Am I being legally held? Under what law?"
  - "Can I have a patient advocate?"





#### PROTECT AGAINST FORCED DISCLOSURES

- Redirect medical history questions to the immediate concern.
- If forced to sign documents under pressure, write: "Signed under duress."

#### ENCOUNTERS WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT OR ICE

- If approached by police or immigration officials:
  - "I do not consent to any searches. Am I free to go?"
  - "I choose to remain silent and want a lawyer."
- DO NOT hand over your phone without a warrant.
- DO NOT carry medical documentation that could be used against you (e.g., gender marker changes, abortion history).



## 4. EMERGENCY LEGAL & CRISIS HOTLINES

## LEGAL SUPPORT & CRISIS RESOURCES

#### ACLU OF ARIZONA

Fights for LGBTQ+ rights, reproductive freedom, and healthcare discrimination cases.

- www.acluaz.org
- (602) 650-1854

#### TRANS LIFELINE

Anonymous, peer-run crisis support

- www.translifeline.org
- (877) 565-8860

#### LAMBDA LEGAL

Legal advocacy for LGBTQ+ individuals facing discrimination.

- www.lambdalegal.org
- (213) 382-7600



# LGBTQIA+ AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE CLINICS IN ARIZONA

#### PLANNED PARENTHOOD ARIZONA

Birth control, gender-affirming hormone therapy, STI testing, and abortion care.

- www.plannedparenthood.org/plannedparenthood-arizona
- (602) 277-7526

#### SPECTRUM MEDICAL CARE CENTER

(Phoenix – LGBTQIA+ Friendly)

- · www.spectrummedical.org
- (602) 604-9500

#### SOUTHWEST CENTER FOR HIV/AIDS

(Phoenix – LGBTQIA+ Community Health)

- www.swcenter.org
- (602) 307-5330

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## 5. FINAL SAFETY STEPS

- ✓ Save emergency numbers and websites offline.
- √ Identify LGBTQIA+ and reproductive-friendly clinics near you.
- √ Have an emergency contact who can help in dangerous situations.
- ✓ Use cash for sensitive healthcare transactions if privacy is a concern.
- ✓ Stay connected with mutual aid groups in Arizona for safety and support.

#### YOU ARE NOT ALONE. WE PROTECT EACH OTHER.

If you need help, reach out to these organizations.

Protect your privacy Stand your ground and Take care of yourself in uncertain times.

We fight for each other.

