Housing as a Trans Person

Names, Genders, and Legal Documents!

When applying for housing, you do need to list your legal name on all paperwork. You can absolutely list your preferred name in quotations, and ask to be referred to as your preferred name, but your legal name will need to be on documents for credit and background checks.

When filling out an application, you may be asked to list a gender. You DO NOT have to list your sex assigned at birth. You may request roommates of any gender identity you feel comfortable living with.

For Questions, Help, or Support, please contact:

- **Off-Campus Life**
  - ocl@colostate.edu
  - (970) 491-2248
- **Pride Resource Center**
  - pride_rc@mail.colostate.edu
  - (970) 491-4342
- **Student Legal Services**
  - sls_intake@mail.colostate.edu
  - (970) 491-1482
- **Student Resolution Center**
  - srcenter@colostate.edu
  - (970) 491-7165
I think I'm being discriminated against, what do I do?

**Identifying Discrimination**

The Fair Housing Act prohibits housing and housing-related discrimination because of race, color, national origin, religion, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), familial status, and disability.

**Reporting Discrimination**

If you feel you have or are being discriminated against, please contact Student Legal Services, the Pride Resource Center, and/or Off-Campus Life for support.

**Searching for Queer Friendly Housing**

**Look For Keywords in Listings**

People looking for roommates on RentalSearch or in Facebook groups will often list if they are also looking for queer friendly living environments. Search through active listings for 'pro-LGBT, gay friendly, and queer spaces', just for a few. Consider posting a roommate profile on RentalSearch or Facebook for yourself using these phrases as well so people can reach out to you!

**Don't Be Afraid to Ask!**

When touring an apartment or house, don’t be afraid to just ask the landlord if they are LGBTQIA+ friendly. A clear answer, good or bad, is better than a vague one!

**Check Reviews**

Reviews in general should be taken with a grain of salt, but in this case they can be very helpful in determining other queer persons' housing experiences. Search for words like "discriminate" and "homophobia" in reviews to see if there have been problems in the past with this landlord.