

LET US PEE IN PEACE

Have you ever thought about how many public restrooms, like the one you're using right now, are gender-specific? Ever thought how this may cause issues of safety for gender non-conforming people? Well, it's true! Safety can be a HUGE issue for transgender, genderqueer and many other gender variant people, as well as for people who are intersex, or anyone who doesn't look a certain way. Harassment and violence in bathrooms is a common and unspoken issue, and it causes many folks to avoid public restrooms and experience bladder-related health issues.

**We need more gender-neutral and transgender-friendly bathrooms!
We need everyone to help keep gender-segregated bathrooms safe!**

How can you help?

Trust that fellow bathroom users know which restroom they're in and respect their decisions.

Know that many people do not fit neatly into the "man" or "woman" categories. Some people identify as a gender not deemed by society to "match" their assigned biological sex, as a combination of both man and woman, or as something else altogether; some identify as having no gender. Also, some people don't physically match society's criteria for either sex in the male/female binary.

Remember that sex (biology) is completely different from gender (identity), and always respect a person's identity. If you don't know what pronouns to use (she, he, zie, co, etc.) – ask.

If you witness harassment of a gender non-conforming person, get involved and do what you can to stop it!

Consider participating in a Trans Safe Zone to learn more about trans people and how to be an ally. Contact Sara Farooqi safarooqi@ucdavis.edu for dates and info.

If you identify as trans* or gender variant, or are questioning your gender identity, contact ucd.gender@gmail.com for support, resources, and community in the Gender Group.



For more information:

Visit the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Resource Center in the University House Annex
or
Online at lgbtrc.ucdavis.edu

