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Contact

Your name (optional)
Leave the fields blank if you'd like to file anonymously

First name

Last name

Contact information (optional)
You are not required to provide contact information, but it will help us if we need to gather more information about the incident you are reporting or to respond to your submission

Email address

Phone number

Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?
If you're reporting on behalf of someone else, please select their status.

Yes
 No

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Contact

You are not required to provide your name or contact information. If you want to remain anonymous, leave this section blank. If you choose to provide your contact information, we will only use it to respond to your submission. Learn more about our privacy policy.

Your name

- First name *(Optional)*
- Last Name *(Optional)*

Contact information

- Email address *(Optional)*
- Phone number *(Optional)*
- Mailing Address 1 *(Optional)*
- Mailing Address 2 *(Optional)*
- City *(Optional)*
- State *(Optional)*
- Zip code *(Optional)*

Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?
If you're reporting on behalf of someone else, please select their status.

- Yes
- No

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Primary concern

What is your primary reason for contacting the Civil Rights Division?

Select the reason that best describes your concern. Each reason lists examples of civil rights violations that may relate to your incident. In another section of this report, you will be able to describe your concern in your own words.

Workplace discrimination or other employment-related problem

EXAMPLES

- Fired, not hired, or demoted for reasons unrelated to job performance or qualifications
- Retaliated against for reporting discrimination
- Inappropriately asked to provide immigration documentation

Housing discrimination or harassment

EXAMPLES

- Denied housing, a permit, or a loan based on personal characteristics like race, sex, and/or having children under 18 years old
- Denied an accommodation for a disability, including not being allowed to have a service animal
- Harassment by a landlord or another tenant, including sexual harassment

Discrimination at a school, educational program or service, or related to receiving education

EXAMPLES

- Harassment based on race, sex, national origin, disability, or religion
- Denied admission or segregated in an education program or activity
- Denied educational accommodations for a disability or language barrier

Voting rights or ability to vote blocked or affected

EXAMPLES

- Blocked or prevented from registering to vote, obtaining or submitting a ballot, having your ballot counted, or entering a polling place to vote
- Denied adequate voting assistance or accommodations for a disability at a polling place
- Restricted or prevented from participating in an election, including voting, becoming a candidate, or being elected for office

Mistreated by police, law enforcement, or correctional staff (including while in prison)

EXAMPLES

- Police brutality or use of excessive force, including patterns of police misconduct
- Searched and arrested under false pretenses, including racial or other discriminatory profiling
- Denied rights while arrested or incarcerated
- Denied access to safe living conditions or accommodations for a disability, language barrier, or religious practice while incarcerated.

Discriminated against in a commercial location or public place

This could include a store, restaurant, bar, hotel, place of worship, library, medical facility, bank, courthouse, government building, public park or street, as well as online.

EXAMPLES

- A physical or online location that does not provide disability accommodations
- Denied service or entry because of a perceived personal characteristic like race, sex, or religion
- Threatened or harassed while seeking or receiving reproductive health services

Something else happened

The examples above reflect some but not all of the civil rights violations that we address. Select this option if you don't see an example that applies to your situation. You will be able to tell us more later.

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Primary concern

Hate crimes & human trafficking
 Please let us know if you would describe your concern as either a hate crime or human trafficking. This information can help us take action against these types of violations. We will contact you about the next steps. We also encourage you to contact law enforcement if you or someone else is in immediate danger.

Please select if any apply to your concern (optional)

Physical harm or threats of violence based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability

Coerced or forced to do work or perform a sex act in exchange for something of value

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Primary Concern (continued)

Hate crimes and human trafficking

Please let us know if you would describe your concern as either a hate crime or human trafficking. This information can help us take action against these types of violations. We will contact you about the next steps. We also encourage you to contact law enforcement if you or someone else is in immediate danger.

Please select if any apply to your concern (optional)

- Physical harm or threats of violence based on race, color, national origin, religion, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity, or disability
- Coerced or forced to do work or perform a sex act in exchange for something of value

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Where did this happen?
Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Example: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

Street address 1 (Optional)

Street address 2 (Optional)

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[If the user flags Something Else Happened when selecting primary concern]

Location details

Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. [Learn more about our privacy policy.](#)

Where did this happen?

- Location name
[Generic] Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.
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Was this a public or private employer?

Public employer
Funded by the government like a post office, fire department, courthouse, DMV, or public school. This could be at the local, state, or federal level.

Private employer
Businesses or non-profits not funded by the government such as retail stores, banks, or restaurants.

I'm not sure

How large is this employer?

Fewer than 15 employees

15 or more employees

I'm not sure

Where did this happen?
Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

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[If the user flags their primary concern as employment-related]

Location details

Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. Learn more about our privacy policy.

Did this happen at a private or public employer?

- Public employer
Public employers include organizations funded by the government like the military, post office, fire department, courthouse, DMV, or public school. This could be at the local or state level.
- Private employer
Private employers are business or non-profits not funded by the government such as retail stores, banks, or restaurants.
- I'm not sure

How large is the employer?

- Less than 15 employees
- 15 or more employees
- I'm not sure

Where did this happen?

- Location name
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Location details

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Did this happen at a public or a private school, educational program or activity?
Includes schools, educational programs, or educational activities, like training programs, sports teams, clubs, or other school-sponsored activities

Public school or educational program
 Private school or educational program
 I'm not sure

Where did this happen?
Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

Street address 1 (Optional)

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[If the user flags their primary concern as housing-related]

Location details

Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. [Learn more about our privacy policy.](#)

Where did this happen?

- Location name
[Generic] Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.
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Location details

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Did this happen at a public or private school, educational program or activity?
Includes schools, educational programs, or educational activities, like training programs, sports teams, clubs, or other school-sponsored activities.

Public school or educational program
 Private school or educational program
 I'm not sure

Where did this happen?
Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

Street address 1 (Optional)

Street address 2 (Optional)

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[If the user flags their primary concern as education-related]

Location details

Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. [Learn more about our privacy policy.](#)

Did this happen at a public or private school, educational program or activity?

Educational programs or activities include training programs, sports teams, school clubs, or other school-sponsored activities.

- Public school or educational program
- Private school or educational program
- I'm not sure

What is your relationship to the person(s) affected?

- I'm a student
 - Are you 18 years old or over?
 - Yes, I'm 18 years old or older
 - No, I'm younger than 18 years old
- I'm a parent or guardian
- I'm a staff member
- Other (please describe)

Where did this happen?

- Location name
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What kind of election or voting activity was this related to?

Federal
Presidential or congressional

State or local
Governor, state legislation, city position (mayor, council, local board)

Both
Federal & State/local

I'm not sure

Where did this happen?
Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

Street address 1 (Optional)

Street address 2 (Optional)

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[If the user flags their primary concern as voting-related]

Location details

Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. [Learn more about our privacy policy.](#)

What kind of election or voting activity was this related to?

- Federal
Presidential, congressional
- State or local
Governor, state legislation, city position (mayor, council, local board)
- Both federal and state/local
- I'm not sure

Where did this happen?

- Location name
[Generic] Examples: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.
- Street address 1 *(optional)*
- Street address 2 *(optional)*
- City/town
- State

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Where did this take place?

Outside a prison or correctional facility

Inside a prison or correctional facility

What type of prison or correctional facility?

State/local

Federal

Private

I'm not sure

Where did this happen?

Please be as specific as possible. We will handle this information with sensitivity.

Location name
Example: Name of business, school, intersection, prison, polling place, website, etc.

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Street address 2 (Optional)

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[If the user flags their primary concern as Special Litigation or Criminal Section-related]

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Please tell us the city, state, and name of the location where this incident took place. This ensures your concern is reviewed by the right people within the Civil Rights Division. [Learn more about our privacy policy.](#)

Did this happen while in custody or incarcerated?

- Yes
 - What type of prison or correctional facility?
 - State/local
 - Federal
 - Private
 - I'm not sure
- No

Please include the inmate number if you know it

Prisons and correctional facilities assign each person with an inmate number, which is usually required for contacting a prisoner.

- Inmate number (optional)

Where did this happen?

- Location name
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Please choose the location that best describes your situation

- Place of worship or about a place of worship
Church, synagogue, temple, religious community center
- Commercial or retail building
Store, restaurant, bar, hotel, theater
- Healthcare facility
Hospital or clinic (including inpatient and outpatient programs), reproductive care clinic, state developmental institution, nursing home
- Financial institution
Bank, credit union, loan services
- Public space
Park, sidewalk, street, other public buildings (courthouse, DMV, city library)
- Other
Please describe

10 words remaining

Where did this happen?
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Street address 1 (Optional)

Street address 2 (Optional)

City/town State

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[If the user flags their primary concern as occurring in a commercial or public place]

Location details

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Please choose the type of location that best describes where the incident happened

- Place of worship (or related to its construction)
Church, synagogue, temple, or religious community center
 - Was this incident related to permits or zoning?
 - Yes
 - No
- Healthcare facility
An inpatient or outpatient hospital or clinic, reproductive care clinic, state developmental institution, or nursing home
 - Was the facility a reproductive care clinic?
 - Yes
 - No
- Commercial or retail building
Store, restaurant, bar, hotel, or theater
- Financial institution
Bank, credit union, or loan services
- Public space
Park, sidewalk, street, or other public buildings like a courthouse, DMV, or city library
- Online
Website, software, or mobile application
- Other (please describe)
 - [optional - text box]

Where did this happen?

- Location name
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- Street address 2 (*optional*)
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Personal characteristics

Do you believe any of these personal characteristics influenced why you were treated this way?

There are federal and state laws that protect people from discrimination based on their personal characteristics. Here is a list of the most common characteristics that are legally protected. Select any that apply to your incident.

- Age
- Disability (including temporary or recovery)
- Family, marital, or parental status
- Gender identity (including gender stereotypes)
- Genetic information (including family medical history)
- Immigration/citizenship status (choosing this will not share your status)
- Language
- National origin (including ancestry and ethnicity)
- Pregnancy
- Race/color
- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- None of these apply to me
- Other

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- Religion
- Sex
- Sexual orientation
- None of these apply to me
- Other reason

[if other is selected]

- Please describe 'Other reason'

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Personal description

Tell us what happened
Please include any details you have about time, location, or people involved with the event, names of witnesses or any materials that would support your description

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Personal description

In your own words, describe what happened

Please share details like:

- Time;
- Names of people involved including witnesses if there are any; and
- Any supporting materials (please list and describe them).

Previous reports

Have you submitted this concern before?

Knowing if you've submitted the same or similar concern before could help us find the original reviewer or collaborate with other agencies

Have you submitted this concern to the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Justice before?

- Yes
 - Please provide details on when and how you filed previously:
- No

Have you submitted this concern to any other local, state, or federal agency?

- Yes
 - Please describe the agency and when you submitted it:
- No

