

North Dakota Prisoner Resources

You have a right to be protected against discrimination and abuse in prison and there are organizations out there like the ACLU that can help if your rights are violated.

Connect with these organizations for more information on your rights and actions you can take.

ACLU of North Dakota: Handles prison-conditions cases and civil-liberties violations. Does not provide post-conviction assistance or research services to prisoners.

- Contact: Intake Department
- Mail: P.O. Box 1190, Fargo, ND 58107
- Phone: 701-478-9924
- Email: northdakota@aclu.org
- Website: aclund.org/get-help

Innocence Project at UND Law: Investigates wrongful convictions for incarcerated prisoners.

- Contact: Professor Steven Morrison
- Address: UND School of Law 215 Centennial Drive, Stop 9003, Grand Forks, N.D. 58202
- Phone: 701-777-2104

Legal Services of North Dakota, Inc.: Legal Services of North Dakota is a non-profit organization, providing legal assistance in a variety of matters to low-income and elderly North Dakotans.

- Address: P.O. Box 1893, Bismarck, ND 58502-1893
- Phone: 800-634-5263
- Website: legalassist.org

State Bar Association of North Dakota Lawyer Referral and Information Services

- Phone: 866-450-9579

Exoneration Project: Works to correct wrongful convictions only in cases where the accused is innocent of the crimes charged, meaning they did not commit the crime(s) and had no involvement in the crime(s). Does not take cases where the claim is an affirmative defense, such as consensual sex and self-defense.

- Contact: Intake Department
- Mail: 311 N. Aberdeen St, 3rd Floor, Chicago, IL 60607
- Website: exonerationproject.org
- Email: intake@exonerationproject.org

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- **Excessive force:** Prison officials have a legal duty under the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution to refrain from using excessive force and to protect prisoners from assault by other prisoners.
- **Religious discrimination:** Prison officials cannot impose religious beliefs or practices on you. They cannot punish you for declining to take part in religious activities or events that include religious elements. Prison officials cannot give special preference to members of one faith, or treat prisoners of some religions less favorably than those of others.
- **Trans rights:** If you notify prison officials that you are transgender, and/or have been threatened, officials are legally required to act to protect you. When you enter prison, inform staff you are transgender or believe you are at risk — both verbally and in writing.
- **Pregnant in prison:** You have the right to an abortion if you want one, and to refuse an abortion if you do not want one. You have the right to prenatal and other medical care for your pregnancy and postpartum care. You cannot be forced to pay before you can get the medical care you need.

More info at aclund.org/kyr