

# ACTIONS for promoting dignity, respect and equality for 2SLGBTQI Seniors

## 1 Show openness

- Explicitly state that services are open to 2SLGBTQI people, and that they are welcome.
- Use neutral and inclusive language in individual and group interactions, both with other staff members and with seniors as a whole.



## 2 Create an atmosphere of trust

- Make staff members and seniors aware of 2SLGBTQI realities and hold them accountable for understanding them.
- Implement measures suited to the particular setting to foster a comfortable, receptive, safe and respectful environment.



## 3 Counter stereotypes, prejudice and rejection

- Take concrete measures to eliminate homophobia and other forms of discrimination against 2SLGBTQI seniors.
- Involve LGBTQ organizations in consultations on policies aimed at seniors.



## 4 Counter mistreatment

- Offer information about the mistreatment of 2SLGBTQI seniors.
- Post ads dealing with the issues of abuse and violence against seniors.



### For more information

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