

Were you denied a job or health care because of your drug use or substance use disorder?

Have you been forced off medication for opioid use disorder (MOUD)?*

If so, you might be experiencing illegal discrimination. Learn your rights!

Here are some ways discrimination can happen:

- Employer will not hire you because you take methadone or buprenorphine.
- Recovery house will not admit you because you take buprenorphine.
- Nursing home will not admit you because of your alcohol use disorder.

- Hospital will not provide you with surgery or another procedure because of your substance use history.
- Home care agencies will not serve you because of your drug use.
- Emergency room does not offer you MOUD or a connection to ongoing substance use services in the community after an overdose.



Legal Action Center can help you understand your rights and fight back!

**MOUD includes methadone and buprenorphine (Suboxone, Sublocade, Subutex, etc.).*

People with substance use disorders are often protected by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other laws that prohibit discrimination based on disability. This means that employers, health care providers, and others may not deny you opportunities just because you have a substance use disorder.

People who currently use drugs have one very important right: they cannot be denied health care because of their current drug use. **If this is your situation...**

Legal Action Center is here to help you!

LAC's web portal, [Legal Help For People Who Use\(d\) Drugs](https://www.lac.org/major-project/legal-help-4-pwud), has resources you can use for advocacy and education. Feel free to share widely!

Visit www.lac.org/major-project/legal-help-4-pwud or scan the QR code below.



If you live in New York, you can call LAC at (212) 243-1313 for legal help or fill out an online intake form on LAC's portal. If you live outside of New York, you can fill out an online intake form. LAC may be able to connect you to resources in your state.