

# 2022 Trans Day of Remembrance

## Tips

The Trans Day of Remembrance serves as an annual reminder of not only the risks, but also the real danger that society inflicts on trans\* folks.

The chart below consists of reminders for the correct manner to address transgender people and is based on guidelines compiled by the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation's (GLAAD) article, *Doubly Victimized: Reporting on transgender victims of crime*.

Though these examples reference particular individuals, they are universal principles that can be applied to students, colleagues, parents, and throughout our communities.

**A person assigned male at birth but who lives as a girl is a transgender girl.**

**✗ INCORRECT**  
Justice Williams, a transgender **boy**, is 13 years old.

**✓ CORRECT**  
Justice Williams, a transgender **girl**, is 13 years old.

**The word transgender is an adjective, and should never be used as a noun, nor should it have an "ed" at the end.**

**✗ INCORRECT**  
Justice Williams, a transgender**ed** girl, is 13 years old.  
Justice Williams, a **transgender**, is 13 years old.

**✓ CORRECT**  
Justice Williams, a **transgender** girl, is 13 years old.

**A person's chosen name should be considered their real name whether it has been changed legally or not.**

**✗ INCORRECT**  
Julian Williams, **who-used-the-name** Justice, is 13 years old.  
"Justice" Williams is 13 years old.

**✓ CORRECT**  
**Justice Williams** is 13 years old.

**A person who is non-binary should be described as such when being discussed.**

**✗ INCORRECT**  
On Friday, a celebration for Justice Williams will be organized by his close friends. He **sometimes-identifies-as-a-woman**.

**✓ CORRECT**  
On Friday, a celebration for Justice Williams will be organized by their close friends. Smith described their gender identify as **non-binary** and uses **they/them** pronouns.

Do your best and continue to learn.  
Once you know better, *Do Better!*

Trans\* is an umbrella term that refers to the identities within the gender identity spectrum.  
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