



Over a quarter of the 1000 lesbians and gay men who come to us for housing advice each year have experienced violence or harassment in or around their home.

Half say their housing problems are a direct result of their sexuality.

Stonewall Housing  
Safer spaces for lesbians and gay men



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Zena and Ayisha had a great flat on a friendly North London housing estate...

  
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But when a new family moved in next door their lives suddenly changed.

It started with the kids shouting 'dirty lezzas' when they walked past. 'Zena is **dyke scum**' was scrawled onto their front door.

Finally **faeces** were smeared through their letterbox. Their housing officer seemed incapable of dealing with the problem, and they became **frightened of being at home alone**.

A friend told them about Stonewall Housing, and our Housing Advice Worker was able to help them get an anti-social behaviour order against their neighbours. However, one night as Ayisha walked upstairs to their flat she was **assaulted and kicked in the stomach**.

Stonewall Housing immediately worked to get the couple moved into temporary accommodation, and with our ongoing support they are now in a **new flat** in a different area.

It's taken a while, but the most important thing to Zena and Ayisha is that they now **feel safe again**, and are **enjoying** their new home.