

ACCIDENTALLY MISGENDERED SOMEONE?

AN APOLOGY GOES A LONG WAY!

Sometimes it's hard to figure out what a proper apology should look like though. Swipe to see some tips on how to apologize if you do slip up.



MISGENDERING

Misgendering means referring to someone using language that does not reflect their gender identity.

If you notice later on...

- Apologize in private when you remember.
- Use something like "I used the wrong name/pronoun for you by accident and I am sorry."

DEADNAMING

Deadnaming means referring to someone using a name that they no longer identify with.

If you notice right away...

- Apologize immediately.
- Use something like "I'm sorry, your name is (chosen name)" or "I'm sorry, I meant (correct pronoun)."

REMEMBER

The goal is to validate their identity, not to make yourself feel better!

Don't dwell on the situation. This can make the person who you're apologizing to feel uncomfortable. It is not their responsibility to comfort you, it is your responsibility to do better next time.

Use it as a learning experience. If you need a refresher on how or when to use their name or pronouns just ask!

The internet is also a great resource to make sure you are educated and up to date on LGBTQIA+ issues and identities.