



QUEERS FOR DINNER

Ways to be more queer-friendly

How do you let LGBTQ+ people know they are welcome?

A rainbow flag or sticker in the window helps tell people that being LGBTQ-inclusive is important to your business. Remember to also be open to having conversations about what you can do to make people feel safe and welcome.

Don't make assumptions when serving customers

When serving customers be aware of assumptions you may be making. For example:

- The way a person looks, or presents themselves doesn't tell you how they should be addressed. So instead of saying "How can I help you sir / ma'am?", try "How can I help you today? Asking for people's names with their orders may also make sure you're addressing them respectfully.
- The same goes for groups! A "Hey folks" or a "How's everyone?" is a lot more welcoming than "Okay, ladies order first?" or a "What can I get you gentlemen?"
- Relationships and families can look many different ways, so be careful in assuming who's a couple; who's "just friends", and which kids belong with which grown-ups.

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