

##Pagan Legal Precedent and Advice

The reddit page below is a brief overview of your rights in the US and UK and groups to contact in case of trouble. This page does currently only contains US and UK Standards but if you have some from another country PLEASE we would love it if you could message it to us through mod mail.

****The newest [report]**

(https://www.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/2024-10/24_0930_ia_24-320-ia-publication-2025-hta-final-30sep24-508.pdf) issued by the Department of Homeland Security still contains a warning for minor religious groups which includes Pagans in the United States although there is not currently a terror warning out. PLEASE BE CAREFUL ATTENDING ANY EVENTS. ******

****Here's a link explaining how to evaluate Pagan Groups****

- <https://www.paganawareness.net.au/get-informed/publications/safety-in-the-circle/>

****Join Our Class on Safety****

- <https://discord.gg/rCuqfcbAhg>

###Current Issues

Multiple politicians and hate groups have recently made statements about how Hindus, Pagans, Muslims, and Jews are all possessed by Satan and demons. We are also being of Satan for participation in Tarot and other things and some groups have been warned to take action against us.

****The Wild Hunt's Summary of 2024****

- <https://wildhunt.org/2024/12/2024-a-year-in-review-from-our-pagan-window.html>

****News Articles Regarding Discrimination from 2024-2026****

- <https://www.military.com/dod-officially-drops-180-faiths-from-militarys-recognized-religion-list> (Military No longer Recognizes Paganism)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2026/06/pentagon-cuts-religious-affiliation-codes-dropping-pagan-wiccan-druid-and-asatru-designations-among-others.html> (Military No longer Recognizes Paganism- Part 2)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2025/12/goodbye-2025-a-year-in-review-through-our-pagan-lens.html> (A review of 2025)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2026/03/after-nordic-pagan-remarks-unverified-memo-suggests-new-scrutiny-of-religious-grooming-exemptions-in-u-s-military.html> (Changes to Religious Grooming Requirements in Military)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2026/05/wiccan-prison-lawsuit-sparks-controversy-in-conservative-media-over-inmate-rights.html> (Wiccans Restricted to Access Religious Items in Prison)

- <https://wildhunt.org/2026/05/government-anti-christian-bias-task-force-report-frames-religious-freedom-through-a-christian-lens.html> (Anti-Christian Bias Committee)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2025/02/concerns-over-targeting-of-pagan-community-in-pickens-sc.html> and <https://www.reddit.com/r/occult/s/2ptD9DNMEX> (Stillwater Christian Fellowship in Pickens SC harasses Wiccan vendor then frames response as persecution)
- https://www.thetimes.com/uk/scotland/article/pagans-banned-from-city-celebration-after-christian-leaders-object-cvtdqsl6?utm_source=reddit&utm_campaign=scotland&utm_medium=story&utm_content=branded (Pagans excluded from interfaith conference due to Christian objection-Scotland)
- <https://www.tiktok.com/t/ZT8uqMhhx/> (Hanover Police Lawsuit)
- <https://insidetime.org/mailbag/religious-discrimination-against-pagans/> (Discrimination in Prisons Update)
- <https://www.newsandsentinel.com/news/community-news/2024/12/pagan-group-claims-discrimination-over-parkersburg-parade-denial/> (Pagans Suing over Parade Denial)

****Violent Attacks on Pagans or Similar Groups 2025****

- <https://wildhunt.org/2025/09/all-witches-must-die-pagan-shop-owner-targeted-in-brutal-attack.html>
- <https://wildhunt.org/2024/07/pagan-bookstore-attacked-arson-being-investigated.html>

****Legal Discrimination****

- <https://wildhunt.org/2025/03/wv-seeks-constitutional-amendment-to-codify-the-bible-as-the-utmost-authority-for-human-moral-behavior.html> (WV Constitutional Amendment)
- <https://wildhunt.org/2025/02/north-dakota-bills-promote-christian-nationalist-agenda-and-declare-the-kingship-of-jesus-christ.html> (ND Kingship of Jesus Bill)

###Your Legal Rights Articles and Books

- <https://www.learnreligions.com/legal-rights-of-pagan-students-2562919>
- <https://www.learnreligions.com/rights-in-the-workplace-2562920>
- <http://commons.lib.niu.edu/bitstream/handle/10843/19251/32-1-135-Stewart-pdfA.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y>
- <https://www.amazon.com/Pagans-Law-Understand-Your-Rights/dp/1564146715>
- <https://prisonjournalismproject.org/2021/06/19/pagan-and-wiccan-faith-oppression-in-prison/>
- <https://www.aclu.org/news/religious-liberty/the-supreme-court-benches-the-separation-of-church-and-state>
- <https://www.washingtonpost.com/religion/2022/08/26/christians-pagans-harassment/>

###How to be safe after Death

- https://www.reddit.com/r/pagan/comments/18za4uv/if_youre_pagan_make_sure_you_have_a_will/

###Pagan Legal Advocacy Group and Advocacy Efforts

<https://wildhunt.org/2023/02/a-tradition-of-advocacy-for-pagan-religious-freedom.html>

US: <https://www.religioustolerance.org/witchcr2.htm> (List of many groups)

UK: <https://www.paganfed.org/>

###US Pagan-Related Lawsuits

Completed:

- <https://news.bloomberglaw.com/litigation/neopaganist-panera-baker-franchisee-resolve-religious-bias-suit> (Pagan v Pan America (Panera Case)- Dismissed with Prejudice)
- <https://casetext.com/case/dettmer-v-landon> (Defined Wicca as a religion but did not provide for worship material in prison)
- <https://law.justia.com/cases/georgia/supreme-court/1982/38413-1.html> (Ruled in favor of granting tax exemption under IRS Guidelines (see US Laws Defining and Protecting Religions))
- [https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/508/520/#:~:text=Babalu%20Aye%2C%20Inc.-,v.,%2C%20508%20U.S.%20520%20\(1993\)&text=The%20Free%20Exercise%20Clause%20protects,show%20a%20compelling%20countervailing%20interest.](https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/508/520/#:~:text=Babalu%20Aye%2C%20Inc.-,v.,%2C%20508%20U.S.%20520%20(1993)&text=The%20Free%20Exercise%20Clause%20protects,show%20a%20compelling%20countervailing%20interest.) (Blood Sacrifice Legal in the US)
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###US Laws Defining and Protecting Religions

IRS Definition of churches:

- <https://www.irs.gov/charities-non-profits/churches-religious-organizations/churches-defined>

Federal Law Protections for Religious Liberty:

- <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/10/26/2017-23269/federal-law-protections-for-religious-liberty>
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###UK Laws Defining and Protecting Religions:

<https://lawandreligionuk.com/2014/10/20/paganism-religion-and-human-rights/>

Australian Laws Defining and Protecting Religion

https://humanrights.gov.au/sites/default/files/content/pdf/human_rights/religion/article_18_religious_freedom.pdf Pg. 74

<https://classic.austlii.edu.au/au/journals/CanLawRw/2020/5.pdf>

https://www.aph.gov.au/Parliamentary_Business/Committees/Joint/Foreign_Affairs_Defence_and_Trade/Freedomofreligion/Interim_Report/section?id=committees%2Freportjnt%2F024110%2F25178 From the Australian Parliament

<https://content.legislation.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-06/06-43aa015%20authorised.pdf>
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https://www.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdoc/au/legis/act/consol_act/hra2004148/s14.html Australian Capital Territory

IF YOU NEED HELP CONTACT THE ACLU

<https://www.aclu.org/> (US)

<https://scottishpf.org/> (UK)

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**IF YOU HAVE SOME NOT INCLUDED HERE PLEASE CONTACT THE MODS AND
WE WILL ADD THEM**