

The West Virginia Human Rights Act protects a person's right to go barefoot due to religious, cultural, medical, or disability reasons. State and Federal Laws protect your rights to go barefoot in public place such as restaurants, grocery stores, theaters, govt. buildings, gyms, museums, libraries, amusement park, trains, or buses. No one, including business owners or employees can tell a barefoot patron to leave, or put on shoes. West Virginia Code §5-11-9 (6)- (7). Risks to the barefoot patron or annoyance to staff and customers are NOT reasons to discriminate.



If you are barefoot and someone complains to you, politely explain the law protects your right to be barefoot. To learn more about this law or to file discrimination complaint, contact the *West Virginia Human Rights Commission*: <http://www.legis.state.wv.us/wvcode/code.cfm?chap=05&art=11>