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- 2. Block the presence of bad actors from events with umbrellas, flags, and banners. Alert other people nearby to their presence. Together, you can run them off or surround them to limit their ability to harass and intimidate other Pride-goers.
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