

Johnson v. Grants Pass

One year later

“On June 28th, 2024, the Supreme Court ruled in the case of Johnson v. Grants Pass that cities can arrest and ticket people for experiencing homelessness. In the year since, more than 320 bills have been introduced to throw people in jail and charge them thousands for sleeping outside. 230 of them have passed.”

~ *Housing not Handcuffs*

The Housing Not Handcuffs Act: June 26, 2025

The [Housing Not Handcuffs Act](#) is a bill created to end the criminalization of homelessness by federal agencies while pushing elected officials to prioritize proven housing solutions.



One year later: WA's fight for dignity and justice after SCOTUS allows criminalization of homelessness

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- What has happened in the past year?
- How can we push back?
- What other protections do people who are unhoused have?

It's time for a different narrative.

Civil Rights and Homelessness

National Coalition for the Homeless

The criminalization of homelessness refers to measures that prohibit life-sustaining activities such as sleeping/camping, eating, sitting, and/or asking for money/resources in public spaces. These ordinances include criminal penalties for violations of these acts. Some criminalization measures include:

- Carrying out sweeps: confiscating personal property including tents, bedding, papers, clothing, medications, etc.
- Making panhandling illegal.
- Making it illegal for groups to share food with homeless persons in public spaces.
- Enforcing a “quality of life” ordinance relating to public activity and hygiene.