

Domestic Partner Benefits

Domestic partner benefits (also called DP benefits) are benefits given to unmarried couples (same-sex and different-sex) that give them some rights similar to married couples. Most of the information in this section is about domestic partner health benefits, one of the subjects we get asked about more than any other (now that health insurance has become one of the most concrete benefits of marriage). You'll also find some information about "soft benefits" like bereavement leave and time off from work to care for an ill partner.

The Domestic Partner Benefits section includes:

Domestic Partner Benefits FAQ

Answers to your questions about how to get DP benefits, and what to do if your employer has a "gays-only" DP benefits policy and you're a different-sex couple.

Statistics on Domestic Partner Benefits

Domestic Partnership Benefits Information

a great source of DP benefits information from the Partners Task Force for Gay & Lesbian Couples. Including philosophy and provider information

Domestic Partner Benefits Articles and Op-Eds

Our writings on this subject. Use the arguments that fit your situation to fight for equal benefits!

Joint Statement on Maintaining DP Benefits in Massachusetts

A statement signed by major LGBT groups urging employers in MA to maintain their DP benefits programs even though same-sex marriage is now legal in the state.