

RESOURCES FOR IMMIGRANT CRIME VICTIMS

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You can report the crime.



If you have been the victim or witness of a crime, or are not sure, contact the NYPD. Police officers do not ask about the immigration status of crime victims, witnesses, or other people who ask for help. You can also ask to speak to a Crime Victim Assistance Program (CVAP) advocate at any police precinct location.

For emergencies, please call 911.

For non-emergencies, call 311 and ask to connect with your local precinct.

You can get help.



Many New York City government agencies provide free services for New Yorkers in need, including emergency shelter, counseling, health care, child care, and other family services. **Call 311 to learn more about these services.**

If you have been a victim of domestic or gender-based violence, **call the NYC Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-621-HOPE (4673) for immediate safety planning, shelter assistance, and other resources—24 hours a day, 7 days a week. TTY: 1-866-604-5350**

You can also visit any New York City Family Justice Center to get free and confidential help, including safety planning, counseling, and criminal justice, civil legal, and social services—all in one location. **Visit nyc.gov/NYCHOPE to find a Family Justice Center and other local community resources convenient to you.**

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You can learn about your immigration options.



Some immigrant victims of certain serious crimes, such as domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, may be able to get special visas called U and T visas. The U visa (for victims of serious crimes) and T visa (for victims of human trafficking) protect victims who help law enforcement in the detection, investigation, or prosecution of those crimes.

U and T visas:

- Provide temporary, renewable immigration status.
- Allow you to apply for a work permit.
- Allow you to apply for temporary status for certain family members.
- Allow U/T visa holders and certain family members to apply for a Permanent Resident card (commonly known as a “Green Card”).
- Provide eligibility for Cash Assistance, Medicaid, and various other public benefits in the New York State.

Get City-funded immigration legal help to find out if you are eligible for a U or T visa, or any other immigration benefits. **Call 311 and say “ActionNYC” to make an appointment with a trusted immigration service provider in your community and in your language.**

For more information, visit nyc.gov/immigrants and search “Crime Victims.”

These resources are available in many languages.