



IMMIGRANT VICTIMS OF CRIME



The Cook County State's Attorney's Office (CCSAO) encourages non-citizens that have been the victim of a crime to report criminal activity to law enforcement. Communications and cooperation with the CCSAO is confidential, and will not be shared with federal immigration authorities.

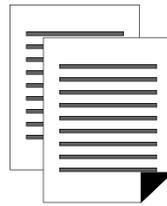
The CCSAO serves all victims, regardless of immigration status. CCSAO employees will not ask your immigration status and your cooperation will not result in your information being shared with federal immigration authorities.



The CCSAO does not enforce immigration laws or conduct removal or deportation proceedings.



All victims are entitled to respectful treatment in their preferred language; translation services are available.



The CCSAO can certify U-Visas and T-Visas for qualifying crime victims. Application information is available at www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/immigration-services.

The CCSAO Consumer Fraud Unit's reminders to beware of immigration scams:



Always demand a written contract for immigration services, get copies of any papers prepared for you, and get a receipt with amount paid, date, name, and address of the person or business.



Be aware of businesses or individuals who falsely represent themselves as lawyers, notarios, or "immigration specialists." Ask questions and ask for documentation showing a person is licensed or bonded.



Do not pay for government application forms. Forms are free: www.uscis.gov/forms.



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For more information on the CCSAO's Immigration Services, visit www.cookcountystatesattorney.org/immigration-services

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Being the victim of the following crimes may entitle you to immigration relief:

Abduction
Abusive Sexual Contact
Blackmail
Domestic Violence
Extortion
False Imprisonment

Felonious Assault
Kidnapping
Labor Trafficking
Obstruction of Justice
Rape
Sexual Assault

Sexual Exploitation
Sex Trafficking
Stalking
Torture
Unlawful Restraint
Witness Tampering

Contact an immigration attorney to learn if you are eligible for immigration relief.



U-VISA

- You are the victim of qualifying criminal activity.
- You suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of the criminal activity.
- You have information about the criminal activity.
- You were helpful, are helpful, or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation of the crime.
- The crime occurred in the United States or violated U.S. laws.
- You are admissible to the United States.
- For more information: www.uscis.gov/i-918



T-VISA

- You are or were a victim of a severe form of human trafficking.
- You are in the U.S., American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry due to trafficking.
- Comply with any reasonable request from a law enforcement agency for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of human trafficking (In some cases, you may not need to show that you complied with requests from law enforcement).
- You demonstrate that you would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual, severe harm if you were removed from the U.S.
- You are admissible to the U.S.
- For more information: www.uscis.gov/i-914



Violence Against Women Act (VAWA)

- You are the spouse, parent, or child of a U.S. Citizen (USC) or Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) and were abused by this person.
- You are the battered spouse of a USC or LPR, you entered into the marriage in good faith.
- You have suffered battery or extreme cruelty by your USC or LPR relative.
- You have resided with the abusive USC or LPR relative.
- You are a person of good moral character.
- Both men and women may apply.
- For more information: www.uscis.gov/humanitarian/battered-spouse-children-parents



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