

National & State Resources

National Domestic Violence Hotline
1-800-799-7233

National Immigrant Justice Center
www.immigrantjustice.org

Center for the Prevention of Sexual & Domestic Violence
www.cpsdv.org

National Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.ncadv.org

Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence
www.icadvinc.org
Office: 1-800-538-3393
24-hour Crisis: 1-800-332-7385 (voice)
24-hour Crisis: 1-800-787-3224 (TTY)

Indiana Latino Coalition Against Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault
www.indianalatinocoalition.com
1-866-442-4627

Center for Victim and Human Rights
www.cvhr.org
317-610-3427

Indiana Legal Services
www.indianalegalservices.org
1-866-964-2138

ILS Immigration & Language Rights Center
1-866-964-2138

University Resources

IU Sexual Violence Resource Page
www.stopsexualviolence.iu.edu

Office of International Services
812-855-9086
www.ois.iu.edu

Office of International Affairs
317-274-7000
www.international.iupui.edu

Office of International Student Services
574-520-4419
www.iusb.edu/oiss

Office of Vice President and General Counsel
317-274-7460
www.indiana.edu/~vpgc/

Student Affairs
IU Bloomington www.studentaffairs.indiana.edu
IUPUI www.studentaffairs.iupui.edu
IU East www.iue.edu/academics/dos/
IU Kokomo www.iuk.edu/admin-services/student-affairs/
IU Northwest www.iun.edu/student-affairs/
IU South Bend www.iusb.edu/stu-serv/
IU Southeast www.ius.edu/studentaffairs/
IUPUC www.iupuc.edu/campus-life/student-affairs/

Indiana University Campus Diversity Offices
www.indiana.edu/~dema/resources/campus_diversity_ofcs.shtml

Indiana University Police Department
www.protect.iu.edu/iupd/divisions



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Resources and Immigration Options for Non-citizen Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence

Non-citizens are particularly vulnerable to crimes like sexual assault, domestic violence, human trafficking, and other crimes. Abusers often take advantage of a foreign national's immigration status to continue patterns of abuse and criminal activity while avoiding detection from law enforcement.

U.S. law provides several protections for all non-citizens who are victims of domestic and sexual violence, certain crimes, and human trafficking.

If you are a victim, you may be eligible to apply for immigration protections no matter what your immigration status is.

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Immigration Options for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence



U Visa

The U nonimmigrant visa is available to victims of serious crimes who cooperate with authorities investigating or prosecuting criminal activity.

Four Requirements to Qualify:

- 1) You are a non-citizen who suffered substantial mental or physical harm as a crime victim;
- 2) You possess credible information about the crime that occurred;
- 3) You have helped, are helping, or will help law enforcement; and
- 4) The qualifying crime violates U.S. federal or state law.

Qualifying Crimes:

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| > Domestic violence | > Abduction |
| > Torture | > Kidnapping |
| > Trafficking | > Being held hostage |
| > Abusive sexual contact | > Unlawful criminal restraint |
| > Sexual assault | > False imprisonment |
| > Rape | > Blackmail |
| > Incest | > Extortion |
| > Forced prostitution | > Obstruction of justice |
| > Sexual exploitation | > Witness tampering |
| > Peonage | > Manslaughter |
| > Female genital mutilation | > Murder |
| | > Felonious assault |

Violence Against Women Act:

“VAWA”

What is the Violence Against Women Act?

Congress enacted the immigration provisions within VAWA after recognizing that an immigrant victim of domestic violence is more likely to remain in an abusive relationship because her or his immigration status is tied to the abuser. Non-citizen victims are often threatened with deportation and may be too afraid to ask for help.

VAWA provides a way for non-citizen victims of domestic violence to apply for legal immigration status without the knowledge or assistance of the abusers.

Who is Eligible to Apply for Relief Under VAWA?

- 1) Abused spouses of U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents (LPR or green card holder)
- 2) Non-abused spouses of U.S. citizens or LPRs (green card holders) whose children were or are abused
- 3) Abused children of U.S. citizens or LPRs
- 4) Abused “intended spouses” of U.S. citizens or LPRs who are not legally married solely due to the abuser’s bigamy
- 5) Abused parents of U.S. citizens (abused parents of LPRs do not qualify under VAWA)

What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic Violence can be described as violent or aggressive behavior within a home, typically involving a spouse or other family member.

Abusers often engage in behaviors that frighten, intimidate, blame, terrorize, humiliate, hurt, wound, and/or physically injure another person. Abuse may include physical harm, psychological and emotional manipulation, forced sexual relations, isolation, intimidation, and threats related to economic security or immigration status.

T Visa

Congress created the T visa classification to help protect victims of human trafficking and stop the continuation of human trafficking. The T visa helps law enforcement agencies investigating and prosecuting human traffickers by allowing non-citizen trafficking victims to stay in the United States and assist law enforcement authorities.

Four Requirements to Qualify:

- 1) You are the victim of a severe form of human trafficking;
- 2) You are physically present in the United States because of human trafficking;
- 3) You would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm if you were removed from the United States; and
- 4) At least one of the following applies:
 - ◆ You comply with any reasonable requests for help with trafficking investigations;
 - ◆ You are under 18 years old; or
 - ◆ You are unable to assist law enforcement due to trauma caused by the trafficking.

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