Resources for Immigrant Crime Victims

You can report the crime

If you have been the victim or witness of a crime, or are not sure, contact the New York City Police Department. Police officers are prohibited from asking about the immigration status of crime victims and witnesses.

For emergencies call 911. For non-emergencies call your local precinct.

You can get help.

Many New York City government agencies provide free services 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 violence, you can get free help at a New York City Family Justice Center, including criminal justice, civil legal, and social services all in one location. **Call 311 to be connected to a Family Justice Center near you**.

You can learn about your immigration options.

Some immigrant victims of crimes may be able to get immigration visas called U and/or T visas. These visas protect victims of certain serious crimes who help law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of those crimes.

U visas provide immigration benefits to crime victims who have suffered substantial mental or physical abuse as a result of the crime. T visas provide immigration benefits to victims of trafficking. U and T visas provide:

- Temporary immigration status
- Access to a work permit
- Opportunity to apply for permanent residence (known as a green card) for visa holders and their family members
- Access to cash assistance, Medicaid, a Social Security number, a driver license, and various other public benefits

In order to apply for a U or T visa, you must get a certification form from a law enforcement agency confirming that you meet certain requirements for the visa. **Visit nyc.gov/immigrants to learn more about the U and T visa certification form and how to request it from a law enforcement agency**.

Get free, safe immigration 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**.