

The Department of Homeland Security’s Interactive Infographic on Protections for Immigrant Victims

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The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) released an [infographic](#) detailing the protections afforded to immigrant victims. This interactive infographic describes qualifications and benefits for each form of immigration relief designed to help immigrant victims. When you click on each form of relief, a link takes you to a DHS webpage with further information, brochures and applications forms. We strongly recommend this tool to be used and disseminated by the following professionals, to help inform immigrant victims of their rights and available protections:

- Law enforcement—this information should be available in police stations and in police cruisers to assist law enforcement officers in identifying victims eligible for immigration protections and informing victims about legal protections available to them.
- Courts—this information should be available to the public at courthouses and in clerks offices across the country as one of the standard forms of legal **information available**.
- Victim Advocates and Attorneys—this information will be useful for screening, providing information to clients, and identifying the forms of immigration relief and benefits an immigrant victim may be eligible to receive.
- Healthcare and mental health care providers and social workers—this infographic will help healthcare providers identify victims whom they treat who are eligible for immigration protections.



Directory of Service Providers: Immigrant victims who potentially qualify for one of the forms of immigration relief described in the infographic should be referred to agencies in the state or local community that have expertise working with immigrant survivors. A directory of programs serving immigrant victims in your state is available at <http://www.niwap.org/directory/>.

Action Needed:

Currently this infographic is available only in English and NIWAP is seeking your help to translate the DHS infographic into as many languages as possible. If you or someone you know would be interested in volunteering to translate, please contact us at info@niwap.org.

More Information for Immigrant Victims Published by DHS: NIWAP has compiled all the DHS forms and informational materials for each form of immigration protection included in the infographic. This includes VAWA Self-Petition, U Visa, T Visa, Asylum, Special Immigrant Juvenile Status for Child Victims, and Continued Presence. Please access this information below:

VAWA Self Petition—For victims of domestic violence married to U.S. citizens or permanent residents.

- Considerations: Perpetrator must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident spouse or parent or U.S. citizen adult son or daughter.
- If approved, benefit provides protection from removal, work authorization, and ability to apply for permanent status.
- Filing Process:
 - [Form I-360](#)
 - [I-360 Instructions](#)
 - [I-360 Optional Checklist](#)
- Additional Resources for both VAWA self-petitions and U visa cases:
 - [Immigration Options for Victims of Crimes](#): This brochure provides information for law enforcement, health providers, and others about eligibility for VAWA self-petitioner, U nonimmigrant, or T nonimmigrant status.
 - [Domestic Violence and the International Marriage Broker Regulation Act](#): This brochure provides information regarding the regulation of international marriage brokers and disclosure requirements. International marriage broker requirements include providing foreign nationals with the results of sex offender website searches, criminal background information on U.S. clients, and information about domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse, and the legal rights of immigrant victims of these crimes. The brochure also provides information on how to discern an international marriage broker's involvement in domestic violence cases.
 - [Female Genital Mutilation/Cutting](#): This brochure provides information that clarifies the criminal consequences for performing FGM/C on a minor, attempting to send her outside the United States for FGM/C to be performed, or performing FGM/C on a woman over the age of 18 without consent. In addition, it details the immigration consequences to performing or assisting in FGM/C, and states that immigration relief may be available for those that have undergone FGM/C or are at risk of undergoing FGM/C.

U Visa—For victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, felonious assault, trafficking, and other serious crimes.

- Considerations: Qualifying crime must be in the U.S. or have violated U.S. law. It must have law enforcement certification.
- If approved, benefit provides up to four years of temporary nonimmigrant status, work authorization, and ability to apply for permanent status.
- Filing Process:
 - [Form I-918](#)
 - [I-918 & Supplement A Instructions](#)
 - [Form I-918, Supplement A](#) (Petition for a Qualifying Family Member of U-1 Recipient)
 - [Form I-918, Supplement B](#) (U Nonimmigrant Status Certification, must be signed by an authorized official of the certifying law enforcement agency)
 - [I-918, Supplement B Instructions](#)
 - Provide evidence to establish each eligibility requirement
- Additional Resources:
 - [Department of Homeland Security Policy Memorandum: Extension of Status for T and U Nonimmigrant](#): The Department of Homeland Security issued this policy memorandum to provide guidance about extensions of status for T and U nonimmigrants, including any related applications for adjustment of status.

T Visa—For victims of trafficking.

- Considerations: Must be in the U.S. on account of the trafficking. Law enforcement certification is encouraged but not required.
- If approved, benefit provides up to four years of temporary nonimmigrant status, work authorization, federal social services benefits, and ability to apply for permanent status.
- Filing Process:
 - [Form I-914](#)
 - [I-914 Instructions](#)
 - [Form I-914 Supplement A](#) (Application of Family Member of T-1 Recipient)
 - [Form I-914 Supplement B](#) (Declaration of Law Enforcement Officer for Victim of Trafficking in Persons)
 - [I-914 Supplement B Instructions](#)
 - Evidence to show you the meet eligibility requirements
- Additional Resources
 - [Immigration Options for Victims of Crimes](#): This brochure provides information for law enforcement, health providers, and others about eligibility for VAWA self-petitioner, U nonimmigrant, or T nonimmigrant status.
 - [The Blue Campaign](#): This brochure provides information on human trafficking and introduces the Blue Campaign as the unified voice of DHS's efforts to combat human trafficking by working in collaboration with law enforcement, government, non-governmental and private organizations.
 - [Immigration Relief for Victims of Human Trafficking and other Crimes](#): This flyer provides information for law enforcement on their role in the three forms of immigration relief available to victims of human trafficking—Continued Presence, T visas, and U visas. In addition, it provides information on law enforcement declarations or certification.
 - [What can you do? Recognizing and Supporting Victims in the Courtroom](#): This brochure provides a list of indicators of human trafficking for judges, lawyers, and court personnel. It notes specifically, that individuals who appear before the court as prostitutes or assault victims may actually be human trafficking victims.
 - [What can you do? Identifying Victims and Reporting Suspected Cases of Human Trafficking](#): This brochure provides information to identify potential victims of human trafficking for law enforcement, first responders, and health care professionals. It provides a list of indicators and information about reporting tips.
 - [What can you do? Identifying Victims and Reporting Suspected Cases of Human Trafficking](#): This brochure provides information for NGO and faith-based organizations to identify human trafficking victims and instructions to report tips. In addition, this brochure provides information about how human traffickers operate.
 - [Make the Connection. Close the Case. Supporting and Stabilizing Victims to Enable Case Investigations and Prosecutions](#): This brochure provides information on victim support for law enforcement, first responders, and healthcare professionals. The brochure explains the victim-centered approach, which places equal value on the identification and stabilization of victims and the investigation and prosecution of traffickers. In addition, it provides tips for working with victims, providing victim-centered resources, and immigration relief.
 - [Make the Connection: Supporting and Stabilizing Victims of Human Trafficking](#): This brochure provides NGOs and faith-based organizations information to help link victims

with services and support by listing victim-centered resources and information on immigration relief.

- [Human Trafficking 101](#): This flyer provides information about human trafficking and a list of red flags that can indicate a human trafficking situation.
- [Human Trafficking 101 for School Administrators and Staff](#): This flyer provides information about human trafficking and lists red flags for school administrators and staff to identify children who may be in a potential trafficking situation.

Asylum—For Victims of Persecution.

- Considerations: Must fear persecution on account of race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in particular social group.
- If approved, benefit provides asylee status, work authorization, federal social services benefits, and ability to apply for permanent status.
- Filing Process:
 - [Form I-589](#)
 - [I-589 Instructions](#)
 - [Form I-730](#) (Refugee/Asylee Relative Petition)
 - [I-730 Instructions](#)

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status—For child victims.

- Considerations: Must have juvenile court order for victims of abuse, abandonment, or neglect by one or both parents.
- If approved, benefit provides protection from removal, work authorization, and ability to apply for permanent status.
- Filing Process:
 - [Form I-360](#)
 - [I-360 Instructions](#)
- Additional Resources:
 - [Immigration Relief for Abused Children: Special Immigrant Juvenile Status](#): This brochure provides information aimed for juvenile court judges and child welfare professionals on Special Immigrant Juvenile (SIJ) status, including eligibility requirements and tips for submitting a SIJ petition. In addition, it provides information on the roles of child welfare professionals, juvenile courts, and USCIS in the SIJ petition process.

Continued Presence—For victims of trafficking.

- Considerations: Victims of a severe form of human trafficking who may be potential witnesses or filed a civil action. Law enforcement support is required.
- If approved, benefit provides protection from removal, work authorization, and access to federal social services benefits. Designation may be granted initially for a period of 2 years and renewed in increments of up to 2 years.
- Federal law enforcement must seek this protection for you.
- Additional Resources:
 - [Continued Presence](#): This brochure provides information regarding temporary immigration status for victims of human trafficking.