

Help for Immigrant Victims and Survivors of Violence

If you or someone you know has experienced domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, or other crimes, **help is available.**



|Where to Get Help

Support is available for victims and survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and other harm. Services may include 24/7 hotlines, shelter, legal help (including immigration), safety planning, and counseling. Language support is available and some provide culturally specific services.

Crisis Response Teams are available 24/7 to support victim and survivors.

- **Domestic Violence Response Teams (DVRT)** are activated by police with your consent. Trained volunteers will meet you at the police station for emotional support, restraining order information, and referrals to services.
- **Sexual Assault Response Teams (SART)** are activated with your consent by calling 911 or going to the police, a hospital, or sexual violence provider. The team includes a confidential advocate, a forensic nurse, and a police officer. You can decide to work with one, two, or all three team members.

Call or text 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) for free, 24/7 emotional support

Domestic Violence Programs

[Find your local domestic violence program](#)

Sexual Violence Programs

[Find your local sexual violence program](#)

Human Trafficking Help & Support

[Find 24-hour hotlines, legal help, and services](#)

LGBTQIA+ Help & Support

[Support for LGBTQIA+ Youth and Adults](#)

Address Confidentiality Program

[Get a legal substitute address](#)

Workplace Rights & Benefits

[Victims and survivors benefits.](#)

VINE

[Check custody status & criminal case updates](#)



|Additional Help for Victims and Survivors

Legal Services of New Jersey free legal help with domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, and immigration. **Call:** 1-888-576-5529 • lsnjlaw.org

NJ Consortium for Immigrant Children free legal help for immigrant youth, including Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. **Call:** 1-201-305-9217 • njcic.org

Victim of Crime Compensation Office help with medical, legal, or relocation costs. **Call:** 1-877-658-2221 • [Learn more or apply](#)

NJ Division on Civil Rights protects against discrimination and biased-based harassment at work, in [Immigrant Trust Directive - New Jersey Office of Attorney General](#)

Office of the Attorney General, Department of Law & Public Safety: [Victim resources](#)

Division of Violence Intervention and Victim Assistance: [VIVA resources](#)

Pro Bono Legal Service Providers free legal service providers. [List of Pro Bono Legal Service Providers.](#)

See more on reverse



New Jersey's Immigrant Trust Directive

Some immigrant victims and survivors may be afraid to report a crime because they worry it could affect their immigration status. New Jersey's Immigrant Trust Directive helps ensure victims or witnesses can safely report crimes to law enforcement, regardless of immigration status. [Learn more from the NJ Office of the Attorney General](#)

i | Immigration Relief Options

If you are an immigrant victim or survivor of a violent crime or abuse, you may be able to apply for immigration relief for yourself and your children.

(Please note that any noncitizen can be subject to routine immigration detention and deportation.)

U Visa

Immigrant victims or survivors of crimes like domestic violence, sexual violence, human trafficking, or kidnapping may be able to apply for a U Visa. [Learn more from US Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)

T Visa

Immigrant victims or survivors of human trafficking, including those trafficked for sex or forced labor, may be able to apply for a T Visa. [Learn more from US Citizenship and Immigration Services](#)

Obtaining a U Visa or T Visa Certification:

To request a U or T Visa certification, visit the website or call the law enforcement agency involved in the case for instructions. The NJ Department of Labor may provide certifications if the harm is discovered during a workplace investigation. Call (609) 376-5996, email immigration-relief@dol.nj.gov, or visit [Relief for Immigrant Workers](#) for more information.

Special Immigrant Juvenile Status (SIJS)

Immigrant children and youth under age 21 may qualify for legal protection through SIJS if they have experienced abuse, abandonment, neglect, or the loss a parent.

*For help applying for immigration relief, see free legal services resources in the **Additional Help for Victims and Survivors** section.*

This fact sheet provides general information and **does not provide legal advice**. Each person's situation is different — please consult an attorney to understand your legal options.

For more information:

