

Have you or your child been abused, trafficked or sexually assaulted?

You have rights.

If you answer yes to any of the questions below, you may be able to file an immigration application and eventually get your Permanent Residence (green card) with the assistance of an attorney.

Does your spouse or partner:

- Hit, punch, slap, kick, push, hurt you or your children, or threaten to do so?
- Force you to have sex or perform sexual acts when you don't want to?
- Insult or humiliate you, yell at you, or threaten to have you deported?
- Prevent you from calling the police or leaving the house?

Has anyone sexually assaulted, raped, or touched you inappropriately?

Has your child been sexually assaulted, raped, or touched inappropriately by anyone?

Has anyone forced or tricked you to have sex or perform sexual acts for money, shelter, food, or as part of your job?

Has anyone forced or tricked you to work when you didn't want to, or under conditions you didn't agree to, at a business, farm, household, or anywhere else?

Additional Resources

Police/Emergency 911

National Domestic Violence Line
(800) 799-SAFE

National Human Trafficking Hotline
(888) 373-7888

NC Coalition Against Domestic
Violence (*referral to your local domestic
violence agency*)
(888) 232-9124

NC Coalition Against Sexual
Assault (*referral to your local sexual
assault agency*)
(919) 870-8881

Legal Aid of North Carolina Helpline
(*assistance with non-immigration legal
questions*)
(866) 219-5262

For more information, visit our
website:

LegalAidNC.org > About Us >
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Battered Immigrant Project

A statewide project of
Legal Aid of North Carolina's
Domestic Violence & Sexual
Assault Statewide Initiative

Call our Intake Line:

1-866-204-7612

Se habla español.

TUESDAY:

3:30PM - 7:30PM

THURSDAY:

9:00AM - 1:00PM





What is the Battered Immigrant Project?

Legal Aid of North Carolina's Battered Immigrant Project is a non-governmental organization that provides **FREE** immigration assistance to immigrant victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking throughout the state of North Carolina.

Our services are free and confidential. To apply for our services, you must call our **Intake Line (1-866-204-7612) on Tuesdays from 3:30PM – 7:30PM and Thursdays from 9:00AM – 1:00PM.**

Immigration Remedies for Clients of the Battered Immigrant Project

U Visa (victims of crime)

You may be eligible for a U visa if:

- You or your child were the victim of certain crimes (including, but not limited to, domestic violence, sexual assault, human trafficking, and rape) in the United States
- You suffered substantial physical or emotional abuse as a result
- You cooperated with the police, sheriff and/or District Attorney's office in their investigation or prosecution of the crime

T Visa (human trafficking)

You may be eligible for a T visa if:

- You were a victim of human trafficking (sex or labor trafficking)
- You are physically present in the United States because of the trafficking
- You reported the trafficking to authorities and have complied with reasonable requests to assist law enforcement
- You would suffer severe and unusual harm if you were removed to your home country

Self-Petition

If you are married to a US citizen or lawful permanent resident (green card holder), you may be eligible to file your own petition *without* your spouse's involvement or knowledge if:

- Your spouse physically abused you or subjected you to extreme cruelty during the marriage
- You married in good faith, and not just for immigration reasons
- You resided with your spouse
- You have good moral character
- You are married or you divorced less than 2 years ago

Petition to Remove Conditions

If you already have a conditional green card (that is valid for 2 years) due to your marriage to a US citizen or lawful permanent resident, you may be eligible to obtain an *unconditional* green card (valid for 10 years) without the knowledge or involvement of your spouse, if:

- Your spouse physically abused you or subjected you to extreme cruelty during the marriage
- You married in good faith, and not just for immigration reasons
- You have conditional lawful permanent resident status