

What is a U Visa?

A U-Visa is issued to victims of certain crimes who have suffered mental or physical abuse and who are helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.

The Immigrant Affairs Unit is a certifying agency for the I-918 supplemental B non-immigrant status, known as the U-Visa. Our staff is able to certify U-Visa applications. To qualify for that certification, the victim must be fully cooperative in the prosecution of a case handled by the Richmond County District Attorney's Office.

For more information about U Visas, please contact Immigrant Affairs Unit: (718) 697-8326.



If you have been the victim of a crime or would like to report information about a crime, don't be afraid to come forward.

It is our job to help you,

REGARDLESS OF YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS.

Contact Us:

**Richmond County
District Attorney
Immigrant Affairs Unit**

Call us at:
(718) 697-8326

Visit us by appointment at:
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Staten Island, NY 10301

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StatenIslandDA.org

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Richmond County District Attorney's Office



Immigrant Affairs Unit

**Here to Serve and
Protect All
Staten Islanders**



**Michael E. McMahon
District Attorney**



Dear Neighbor,

Staten Island is a rapidly diversifying borough; our Island is home to many new immigrants from nations across the world. These individuals are vulnerable to crimes particularly, scams, theft, and fraud. However, many victims do not come forward to report these crimes and, criminals are able to evade justice and their behavior is unabated.

I am thrilled that we have launched the first Immigrant Affairs Unit in the history of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office. This Unit will serve as a resource for all victims of crime whose new immigrant background impacts the process of their case.

It is critically important that all Staten Islanders feel comfortable reporting any crime perpetrated against them to law enforcement and work with us to secure justice on their behalf.

- Michael E. McMahon, Richmond County District Attorney

Know Your Rights!

- You have the right to report a crime committed against you to the NYPD.
- You have the right to have the police or the District Attorney investigate a crime committed against you, without fear of repercussions, even if:
 - * You don't speak English; or
 - * You don't understand the laws of the U.S.; or
 - * You are in the U.S. without any immigration status or documentation.

Important Contacts:

- To file a complaint with law enforcement, contact the New York City Police Department's Community Affairs Bureau New Immigrant Outreach Program at (718) 624-3822. Complaints may be filed in any language.
- To file a complaint against an immigration service provider, contact The New York City Department of Consumer Affairs either by calling 311 or 212-639-9765 or visit their website at www.nyc.gov/html/dca/html/resources/forms.shtml. Complaints may be filed in any language.

Staten Island NYPD Precincts

120 Precinct (718) 876-8500

121 Precinct (718) 697-8700

122 Precinct (718) 667-2211

123 Precinct (718) 948-9311

*In case of emergency, call 911

Immigrant Fraud

Common Scams:

- Business or individuals who falsely represent themselves as attorneys, lawyers, immigration specialist or "Notarios" and provide legal advice without a license.
- Individuals who falsely promise to sponsor work visas and/or employment training for a fee.
- Employers who hire immigrants to do construction work or other jobs and then fail to pay them a legal wage.
- The production and purchase of false documents such as Driver's Licenses, Passports, Social Security, and Resident Alien cards/and/or other fraudulent documents.
- Business or individuals who offer assistance with housing services or health care enrollment, accept payment and/or disappear without providing the service.

Protect Yourself from Fraud and Scams:

- Never provide personal documents.
- Never provide information, over the phone, to someone who claims to be the IRS, a utility company, a federal employee or a debt collector.
- Never sign any blank documents or forms .
- Never sign a document you did not read.
- Always demand detailed paper receipts for any payments.
- Do not make payment with prepaid money card.