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**For more information and to see if you qualify for any of these protections you may contact:**

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**The Advocates for Human Rights**

330 2nd Ave S, Suite 800

Minneapolis, MN 55401

(612) 341-9845

Provides legal information and representation for individuals seeking T visas.

**Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota**

450 N. Syndicate St., Suite 175

St. Paul, MN 55104

Client Intake: (800) 223-1368 (client intake hours M, T, W 12pm-1:30pm;

Th 6-7:30pm; no walk-ins)

Office Number: (651) 641-1011

**Standpoint**

1611 Park Avenue

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Contact Standpoint by calling 800-313-2666 or 612-343-98422 Monday-Friday 9AM-4PM or by visiting their website: [www.standpointmn.org/](http://www.standpointmn.org/) contact.

**Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services**

Refugee, Immigrant and Migrant Services

450 N. Syndicate Street, Suite 285

St. Paul, MN 55104

Client Intake: (800) 652-9733 (new clients accepted 1st business day of each month at 9am)

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Information & Resources



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## Victims of Crime

The United States provides protections for legal and undocumented immigrants who have been victims of a crime. The following information is intended for use as a brief guide to using these protections and gaining access to other benefits.

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### *U Visas*

A U visa provides eligible applicants with up to four years of temporary nonimmigrant status, work authorization, and the ability to apply for permanent residence (Green Card). You may be eligible for a U nonimmigrant visa if:

- You are the victim of qualifying criminal activity.
- You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity.
- You have information about the criminal activity. However, if they are under the age of 16 or are unable to provide information due to a disability, a parent, guardian, or next friend may possess the information about the crime on your behalf.
- You were helpful, are helpful, or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crime. If you are under the age of 16 or unable to provide information due to a disability, a parent, guardian, or next friend may assist law enforcement on your behalf.

The crime occurred in the United States or violated U.S. laws.

The list of qualifying crimes includes such crimes as:

- domestic violence,
- sexual assault,
- felony-level assault,
- sexual exploitation,
- kidnapping,
- blackmail,
- trafficking, and
- other serious crimes.

Also, you may qualify for a U visa if you are the spouse, child, sibling, or parent of a victim of one of the qualifying crimes. Victims do not need to be in legal immigration status to qualify for a U visa.

### *T Visas*

A T visa provides eligible applicants with up to four years of temporary nonimmigrant status, work authorization, the ability to apply for permanent residence (Green Card), and federal social services benefits. You may be eligible for a T visa if you are in the United States as a result of:

- **Sex trafficking:** When someone recruits, harbors, transports, provides, solicits, patronizes, or obtains a person for the purpose of a commercial sex act, where the commercial sex act is induced by force, fraud, or coercion, or the person being induced to perform such act is under 18 years of age; or

- **Labor trafficking:** When someone recruits, harbors, transports, provides, or obtains a person for labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage, or slavery.

T nonimmigrant status enables victims of human trafficking to remain in the United States for up to 4 years if they have assisted law enforcement in an investigation or prosecution of human trafficking. T nonimmigrant status are also available for certain qualifying family members of trafficking victims.

### ***THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT (VAWA)***

Under the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), victims of domestic violence may be eligible for benefits, including protection from removal, work authorization, and the ability to apply for permanent residence. To be eligible, you must be:

- the current/former spouse, child, or parent of a United States citizen or permanent resident.
- You must also live or have lived with the U.S. citizen or permanent resident family member and have been subjected to controlling behavior or abuse by the U.S. Citizen or permanent resident family member.

You may still be eligible even if the abuse occurred outside of the United States. Women as well as men are eligible.