KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! Access to Services in NYC for Immigrants

Where Can I Get Help?

The New York Police Department is not a branch of the Federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement and does not cooperate with federal immigration enforcement. If you are an immigrant crime victim, you can call 911 for help, and the NYPD will not turn you over to ICE.

Do I Have to Disclose my Immigration Status?

NYC agencies, including schools, hospitals, courts and the NY Police Department, are prohibited by law from asking your immigration status (Executive Order 41).

What if I Don't Speak English?

NYC agencies, including schools, hospitals, courts and the NY Police Department, are required by law to provide you with translation if you don't speak English. Insist on having an interpreter if you don't speak English (Executive Order 120).

What if I am a Victim of Domestic Violence?

All victims of crime, regardless of status, are entitled to seek help from the legal system. If you are a DV victim, you may:

- Seek help in the Family or Supreme Court with custody, visitation, divorce, child support, and orders of protection.
- Call the police or visit the precinct to report crimes.
- Be eligible for certain types of immigration relief.
- Receive confidential and free advocacy, legal help, and counseling from non-profit groups.

How Can I Get a Valid ID?

IDNYC is a free government-issued photo ID for all NYC residents and provides access to City services, programs, and buildings, as well as free membership to museums, concert halls, and botanical gardens. Call 311 for info on how to apply.





Be aware of fraudulent notarios claiming to be lawyers! In NY, a notary public is not an attorney. They cannot draft legal papers, give legal advice or review documents for legality. If you are a victim of notario fraud, call the New Americans Hotline at 1-800-566-7636.