

## **WHAT ARE U-VISAS AND T-VISAS?**

*Victims of crimes are able to access protections available to them under law. The U-Visa and T-Visa allow immigration protection for victims of qualifying crimes and their qualifying family members, who are helpful to law enforcement in the detection, investigation or prosecution of criminal activity.*



## **TO SUBMIT A U-VISA OR T-VISA CERTIFICATION REQUEST PLEASE CONTACT**

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## **U-VISA AND T-VISA IMMIGRATION RELIEF FOR VICTIMS OF QUALIFYING CRIMES**



*Ensuring the safety of people in King County is our top priority. The U-Visa and T-Visa can help certain crime victims feel safer reporting crimes, so that they may be more willing to work with law enforcement officers, even if they do not have lawful immigration status.*

## U-VISA/T-VISA ELIGIBILITY

### You may be eligible for a U-Visa if:

1. You are the victim of qualifying criminal activity.
2. You have suffered substantial physical or mental abuse as a result of having been a victim of criminal activity.
3. You have information about the criminal activity.
4. You were helpful, are being helpful, or are likely to be helpful to law enforcement in the investigation or prosecution of the crime.
5. The crime occurred in the United States or violated U.S. laws.

### You may be eligible for a T-Visa if:

1. You are or were a victim of a severe form of human trafficking.
2. You are in the United States, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, or at a port of entry due to trafficking.
3. You comply with any reasonable request from a law enforcement agency for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of human trafficking.
4. You demonstrate that you would suffer extreme hardship involving unusual and severe harm if you were removed from the United States.
5. You are admissible to the United States.

## U-VISA: WHAT CONSTITUTES A QUALIFYING CRIME OR CRIMINAL ACTIVITY?

- Abduction
- Abusive Sexual Contact
- Being Held Hostage
- Blackmail
- Domestic Violence
- Extortion
- False Imprisonment
- Felonious Assault
- Female Genital Mutilation
- Fraud in Foreign Labor Contracting
- Incest
- Involuntary Servitude
- Kidnapping
- Manslaughter
- Murder
- Obstruction of Justice
- Peonage
- Perjury
- Prostitution
- Rape
- Sexual Assault
- Sexual Exploitation
- Slave Trade
- Stalking
- Torture
- Trafficking
- Witness Tampering
- Unlawful Criminal Restraint

*Qualifying crimes include any similar activity where the nature and elements of the crime are substantially similar to one of the crimes listed. Attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the crimes listed above may also count as a "qualifying criminal activity."*

## T-VISA: SEVERE FORMS OF TRAFFICKING

- Sex Trafficking
- Labor Trafficking

## FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT

NORTHWEST IMMIGRANT RIGHTS PROJECT (NWIRP) (206) 587-4009

CATHOLIC IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES (206) 328-6314

ENTRE HERMANOS (206) 322-7700

INTERNATIONAL RESCUE

COMMITTEE (IRC) (206) 623-2105

REFUGEE WOMEN'S ALLIANCE (REWA) (206) 721-0243

COLECTIVA LEGAL DEL PUEBLO (206) 931-1514

WEST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

COUNCIL (206) 636-9882

UKRAINIAN COMMUNITY CENTER OF WASHINGTON (425) 430-8229



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