

# U Visa FAQs



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## **What is the U Visa?**

In 2000, Congress passed a law making a visa available to victims of certain crimes including domestic violence without having an intimate relationship with the accused.

## **What are the requirements?**

- You have to have been the victim of one of the crimes listed in the law. Some of them are: rape, kidnapping, domestic violence, and assault.
- You have to have been helpful, or will be helpful in the future, with the police or District Attorney.
- You have to have suffered physical or mental abuse as a result of the crime.

## **Do I need to be married to the accused and do they have to be a resident or citizen?**

No. The law does not require you to be married to or even know the abuser. Also, the law does not require that the abuser has legal status.

## **Are the fees associated with this process?**

Yes. There are fees associated with this process, but in some cases they can be waived.

## **Can members of my family be included in my application?**

Some members of your family can be included on your application such as your spouse, children, parents, or siblings.

## **What are the benefits of applying for the U Visa?**

It is possible that some members of your family may be included on your application, such as your spouse, children, parents, or siblings.

**CONSULTATIONS ARE FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

**To arrange a consult if you believe you qualify please call:**

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