

Immigration Resources

Military-Specific Resources

Members of the U.S. armed forces and their families can receive special assistance and other benefits from the U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services. If you are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces or if you are related to someone who is, you can find out more about the various programs (including naturalization through military service and expedited naturalization for spouses of deployed servicemembers) online at: www.uscis.gov/military/

You can also call the USCIS's "Military Help Line." Customer-service specialists are available from 0800-1630 CST, Monday through Friday. If you call after normal hours or during a Federal holiday, you will be given an e-mail address that you can use to contact USCIS for assistance. Their toll-free number is: **1-877-CIS-4MIL (1-877-247-4645)**

Finding an Attorney

Depending upon your circumstances, you may want to contact an attorney who specializes in immigration law to assist you in dealing with the USCIS. There are several resources available:

- The Florida Bar Lawyer Referral Service has a toll-free number that you can use to be connected with a Florida attorney based on your needs (specialization, location, etc.) Referrals through the service include an initial 30-minute consultation at a set \$25 fee. You can contact the service from 0800 to 1730 EST, Monday through Friday at:
1-800-342-8011
- The American Immigration Lawyers Association has over 150,000 members, all of whom are attorneys who practice immigration law. You can search its membership directory to find an attorney at: www.aialawyer.com

Victims of Domestic Violence

If you or someone you know is an immigrant victim of domestic violence, understand that under all circumstances, domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse are illegal in the U.S. and that all people in the U.S., regardless of immigration or citizenship status, are guaranteed basic protections under both civil and criminal law. There is a very thorough guide on the Legal Rights Available to Immigrant Victims of Domestic Violence in the United States available online at:

<https://www.uscis.gov/news/fact-sheets/information-legal-rights-available-immigrant-victims-domestic-violence-united-states-and-facts-about-immigrating-marriage-based-visa-fact-sheet>

If you cannot or are afraid to access the site on your own, the on-base helping agencies (including the legal office, chaplain, and family advocacy among others) can assist you.