

## Warning Signs of Domestic Violence

Abuse includes, when someone:

- ✦ Tells you that you can never do anything right.
- ✦ Shows extreme jealousy of your friends and time spent away.
- ✦ Keeps you or discourages you from seeing friends or family members.
- ✦ Insults, demeans or shames you with put-downs.
- ✦ Controls who you see, where you go, or what you do.
- ✦ Prevents you from making your own decisions.
- ✦ Threatens to harm or take away your children.
- ✦ Prevents you from working or attending school.
- ✦ Intimidates you with guns, knives or other weapons.
- ✦ Pressures you to have sex when you don't want to or do things sexually you're not comfortable with.

If you are a victim of intimate partner violence, remember:

- ❖ You are not alone.
- ❖ The abuse is not your fault.
- ❖ You deserve to live in a safe environment.
- ❖ There are resources to help.

## For More Information Visit:

### DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HELP

Hubbard House 24-hr Hotline

**(904) 354-3114**

Florida's 24-hour Statewide Helpline

**1 (800) 500-1119**

The National Domestic Violence Hotline

**1 (800) 799-7233**

Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence

<https://www.fcadv.org/local-center-services>

Peaceful Paths Domestic Abuse

<http://www.peacefulpaths.org/>

### LEGAL RESOURCES

Jacksonville Area Legal Aid

<https://www.jaxlegalaid.org/>

Intimate Partner Violence Assistance Clinic

<https://www.law.ufl.edu/areas-of-study/experiential-learning/clinics/civil/ipvac>

Orlando Center For Justice

<https://www.orlandojustice.org/>

This brochure is meant to provide accurate information for advisory purposes only. It is not intended for legal advice. If you think you have a legal problem, please seek the help of an attorney.



## A GUIDE FOR IMMIGRANT VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE & TRAFFICKING

*Jacksonville Area Legal Aid  
126 W. Adams Street  
Jacksonville, FL 32202  
Ph. (904) 356-8371*

## What is Domestic Violence?

Domestic violence is a pattern of behavior when one person tries to threaten or abuse the other person through physical harm, sexual assault, emotional/psychological abuse, and immigration-related threats.

**Domestic violence in the United States is illegal. All people in the United States (regardless of race, color, religion, sex, age, ethnicity, national origin or immigration status) are guaranteed protection from abuse under the law.**

### ***DID YOU KNOW?***

- ✚ 1 in 3 women experience domestic violence **AND** 1 in 4 men experience domestic violence.
- ✚ An average of 20 people experience domestic violence every minute.
- ✚ 1 in 4 victims of modern slavery are children.

## Possible Immigration Options for Victims of Violence

- ❖ If you believe you qualify for one of the immigration options detailed here, contact an immigration attorney.

## U-Visa

Are you a victim of crime that occurred in the U.S. and resulted in physical and/or mental abuse?

**Regardless of your immigration status, if you are a victim of domestic violence or another crime, and are willing to help the authorities in their criminal investigation or prosecution you may qualify for a U-Visa.**

## Obtaining a Green Card through VAWA

Are you an immigrant who has been abused by your spouse who is a U.S. citizen or green card holder?

Regardless of your current immigration status, you may qualify for a green card through VAWA if you are:

- ✚ The abused spouse of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- ✚ The abused child (unmarried and under 21 years old) of a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- ✚ The abused parent of a U.S. citizen

The government cannot use information from your abuser against you in immigration proceedings.

---

*“My mission in life is merely not to survive, but to thrive.”*

*–Maya Angelou*

---

## T-Visa

Are you a victim of labor trafficking or sex trafficking?

Regardless of your immigration status, if you are a victim of labor trafficking and/or sex trafficking, you may qualify for a T-Visa if you:

- ✚ Are a victim of trafficking;
- ✚ Would face extreme hardship if forced to leave the United States; AND
- ✚ Comply with a law enforcement agency for assistance in the investigation or prosecution of human trafficking.

## Asylum

Did you flee your country of origin because of domestic violence?

Regardless of your immigration status, you may qualify for asylum if you experienced:

- ✚ domestic violence in your country of origin,
- ✚ the government in your home country is unwilling or unable to protect you,
- ✚ You fled and are afraid to return.

“If the cries of those who are enslaved around the world today were an earthquake, then the tremors would be felt in every single nation on the continent simultaneously.”

**-John Kerry**

