

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF IMMIGRATION FRAUD

If you need immigration legal advice, **only go to a lawyer or someone who is accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) or an organization recognized by the DOJ.** You can find the list of accredited and recognized providers at www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports

Immigration law is complicated. Beware of fraudulent immigration providers who may indicate otherwise and make false promises.



WATCH OUT FOR FALSE PROMISES, SUCH AS:

- An **easy** way to obtain a green card
- A way to get a work permit or visa **immediately**
- Statements indicating that there are **no risks or consequences**
- Claims of **special influence** with immigration authorities



WHAT NOT TO DO:

- **Do not** pay for government application forms – forms are free and can be downloaded online at www.uscis.gov/forms
- **Do not** give original documents – give copies instead
- **Do not** sign any blank or incomplete forms
- **Do not** sign papers, immigration forms, or contracts that you do not fully understand



WHAT TO DO:

- **Always ask questions** – even if the provider was recommended by a family member or friend; you should feel confident about the provider
- **Ask for proof** that provider is a licensed attorney or accredited/recognized by the DOJ
- **Get a second opinion**
- Only **go to providers that have a physical location**
- **Ask for a written agreement of services to be provided** that is signed by provider – read the agreement before signing it, and keep the signed copy for your records
- **Get copies** of documents prepared for you
- **Ask for a written receipt** that includes the name and address of the provider

HELPFUL RESOURCES:



- To access free and safe immigration legal services in your language, **call 311 and say “ActionNYC”**
- To report immigration fraud and schemes against immigrants, **call the New York State Office for New Americans-New Americans Hotline at 1-800-566-7636**