



Advocate's Guide on Undocumented Immigrant Clients

What Makes an Immigrant Undocumented?

- Does not have U.S. citizenship, Legal Permanent Residency (Green Card), or any lawful immigration status
- Immigrants who are undocumented may have entered a port of entry either without inspection or had their lawful immigration status expire while they remained in the United States



Who Is Eligible to be Removed from the United States?

Anyone who is not a U.S. Citizen could potentially be removed from the United States. The president has the ability to create a list of who should be prioritized for removal, so as of the January 25, 2017 Executive Order: "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States," the following are considered enforcement priorities:

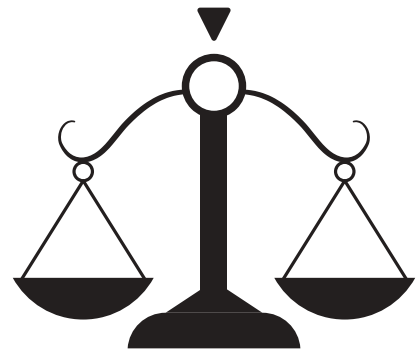
Individuals who:

- Have been convicted of any criminal offense;**
- Have an unresolved criminal offense charge;**
- Have committed acts that equal a chargeable criminal offense;**
- Have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official matter or application before a governmental agency;
- Have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits;
- Are subject to a final order of removal, but who have not complied with their legal obligation to depart the United States; or
- In the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.

How Can I Help?

Refer a client to an authorized immigration attorney or Department of Justice (D.O.J.) accredited representative for a consultation and/or immigration screening

- Attorneys authorized to practice law in California can be found on the State Bar of California website:
<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/>.
- All D.O.J. accredited representatives can be found on the U.S. Department of Justice website: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports>
- Trusted nonprofit organizations that provide free to low-cost legal services can be found through the Immigration Advocates Network: <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory/>



Encourage client to get educated about their rights



- Direct clients to organizations that assist with immigration know-your-rights presentations and materials including the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (I.L.R.C.). See their guide on what immigrant families should know and what they can do now. Guides are available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Arabic, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.
- **Sign up for a free Know Your Rights presentation:**
<https://www.ilrc.org/know-your-rights-and-what-immigrant-families-should-do-now>

How do I report immigration fraud?

Federal Trade Commission | 1 (877) 382-4357

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/feature-0012-scams-against-immigrants/>

Los Angeles County Department of Business Affairs | 1 (800) 593-8222

<http://oia.lacounty.go/immigration-fraud/>

State Bar of California Attorney Complaint Hotline | 1 (800) 843-9053

<http://www.calbar.ca.gov/Public/Complaints-Claims/How-to-File-a-Complaint/>

U.S. Department of Justice | 1 (202) 324-3000

<https://www.uscis.gov/avoid-scams/report-scams>



The Immigration Project at Asian Americans Advancing Justice-Los Angeles provides FREE immigration eligibility screening appointments. Advancing Justice-LA is recognized by the Department of Justice and all immigration services are provided by authorized attorneys, Department of Justice (D.O.J.) accredited representatives, and trained staff.

For an appointment or for more information, call our toll-free in-language hotlines:



Chinese: 800.520.2356
Khmer: 800.867.3126
Korean: 800.867.3640
Tagalog: 855.300.2552
Thai: 800.914.9583
Vietnamese: 800.267.7395
English/Other: 888.349.9695



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