

What will happen to me?

There are laws about who can stay in the United States and who has to leave. A lawyer can help you understand these laws. If your case is in immigration court, find a lawyer to help you tell your story to the judge. You and your lawyer will answer questions, fill out forms, and keep going to immigration court until the judge makes a decision. Click [here](#) to find a lawyer in your city.

Can I stay in the U.S.?

This depends on the law. When you meet with the lawyer, he or she will ask you questions to find out if you can stay. Some people can stay in the U.S. because they:

- Have a family member who is a citizen or resident and can apply for them
- Have problems in their home country
- Have parents who cannot take care of them
- Were the victim of a bad crime in the United States, or
- Were abused by parents or other family members.

If the law does not allow you to stay, the judge may send you back to your home country.

Do I have to go to court?

There are rules about going to court. If you have a notice or paper that tells you to go to court, you have to go to court. If you miss court, the judge can send you back to your home country. If you are not sure about court, find your A# (Alien Registration Number) and call 1-800-898-7180. Listen to the instructions on the phone.

If you are a parent, someone will answer your questions about your child's case in the "Legal Orientation Program for Custodians." You can call them at: 1-888-996-3848.

Can someone help me with my case?

Try to get a lawyer because lawyers understand the rules for court and can help you stay in the United States. To find a lawyer, call or go to an organization on this list: <http://www.uacresources.org/gethelp>. Be careful! In the United States a notary public is not a lawyer and it is illegal for a notary public to give legal advice.

What happens to my case if I move?

If you have a lawyer, tell your lawyer that you are moving and give him or her the new address. If you do not have a lawyer, write a letter to tell the court your new address. If you moved far, you can ask the judge to move your case to a new court. Click [here](#) for a form that tells you how to ask the judge to move your case. If you are not sure about where to go to court, find your A# (Alien Registration Number) and call 1-800-898-7180. Listen to the instructions on the phone. Pay attention to when and where you have court. If you miss a court date, you can lose your case and be sent back.

Can I work or go to school?

If you are younger than 18, you must go to school. Children who entered the country illegally or have no papers have the right to go to public school in the United States. Click [here](#) for information about how to sign up for school.

Can I work legally in the United States?

You need a work permit, called an “employment authorization document” to work legally. Some people can get a work permit, but most people cannot. Talk to a lawyer about getting a work permit.