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VAWA

*Protection for
Domestic Violence
Victims*

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¿WHAT IS VAWA?

The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) is a U.S. legislation designed to protect victims of domestic violence, regardless of their gender, allowing certain immigrants, including men, to apply for permanent residency (green card) without the support or knowledge of their abuser. Although VAWA initially focused on women, it is now available to anyone who meets the criteria, including men, children, and parents. Below are the key aspects of the application process under this law.

OVER 1 IN 3 WOMEN AND OVER 1 IN 4 MEN IN THE UNITED STATES



36%



28%

HAVE EXPERIENCED RAPE, PHYSICAL VIOLENCE, AND/OR STALKING
BY AN INTIMATE PARTNER IN THEIR LIFETIME.

ELEGIBILITY

VAWA visa applicants must meet certain specific criteria, which include:

- 1. Spouses of U.S. citizens or permanent residents:** Men or women who have been victims of violence by their spouse, who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- 2. Abused children:** Children of U.S. citizens or permanent residents who have suffered abuse from their parents.
- 3. Parents of U.S. citizens:** Parents of U.S. citizens who have been abused by their children.

One of the key advantages of VAWA is that applicants can file their applications without the abuser's knowledge, allowing them to seek protection without fear of retaliation or deportation.



REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION

To file an application under VAWA, it is essential to gather evidence to support the abuse case and the relationship with the abuser. The required documentation includes:

1. Form I-360: This is the main form that must be completed to apply for VAWA status. Form I-360 is the Petition for Amerasian, Widow(er), or Special Immigrant.

2. Proof of the relationship with the abuser: This may include marriage certificates, birth certificates (in the case of children or parents), or documents proving the relationship.

3. Proof of abuse: Applicants must provide evidence that they have been victims of physical or emotional abuse. This evidence may include:

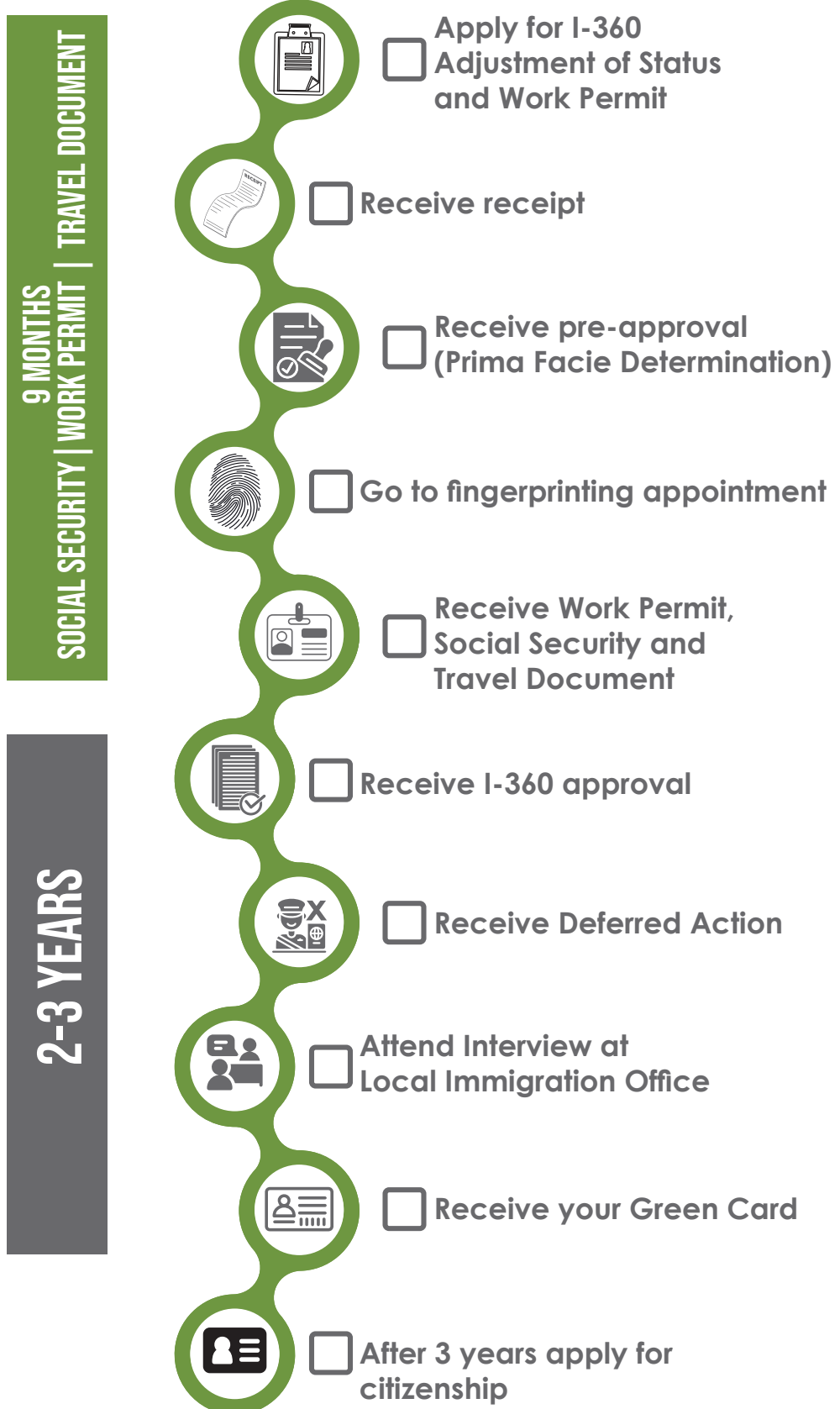
- Police reports or arrest records.
- Medical records documenting injuries.
- Witness testimonies, such as friends or family members who witnessed the abuse.
- Restraining orders issued against the abuser.
- Statements from social workers or therapists.

4. Proof of good moral character: Applicants must demonstrate that they are people of "good moral character." This may involve submitting criminal background checks and statements from people attesting to their integrity.

I-360 W/ADJUSTMENT OF STATUS

*You have suffered extreme cruelty from your US Citizen Spouse

*You are able to prove a pattern of abuse



BENEFITS AND PROTECTION

One of the main benefits of VAWA is that victims can apply for permanent resident status without depending on their abuser.

This provides a way to escape dangerous situations, as the VAWA process is confidential, and the abuser is not notified of the application. Additionally, approved applicants can access public services and apply for work permits while awaiting their case's resolution.

The VAWA program represents a vital safety net for domestic violence victims, offering them a pathway to legal protection and permanent residency in the United States. Although the process can be long and requires extensive documentation, it is a fundamental resource for those facing abuse. It is important for victims to seek legal and emotional support during this process, and at Noyes & Associates, we are ready to assist you.

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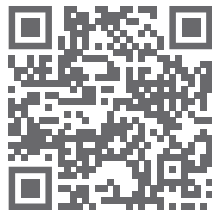
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