1. Self-Petitioning under VAWA:

- **Qualifying Relationship**: Abused spouse of US Citizen (USC) or Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) who has been battered or subjected to extreme cruelty by their spouse or partner.
- **Requirement**: Filing of a petition (Form I-360) for lawful permanent residence without assistance of an abuser.
- **Eligibility**: If you are a noncitizen victim, you need to meet ALL of these requirements.
  - Victim of qualifying criminal activity*
  - Suffered mental and physical abuse as a result of being a victim of criminal activity
  - Have information about the criminal activity
  - The crime occurred in the United States or violated U.S. law
  - Assisted, are assisting, or willing to assist authorities in investigating or prosecuting crimes that were committed against them
  - Admissible to the United States.** (If not, may apply for a waiver on a Form I-924: Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant)

2. VAWA Cancellation of Removal

- **Eligibility**: Abused spouses of USC and LPR.
- **Applicant must prove**: Has been a person of good moral character during the period of required presence, has lived with the abuser at some point either inside or outside the United States, has not been convicted of an aggravated felony.

3. U Nonimmigrant Status (U Visa):

- **Purpose**: To encourage undocumented crime victims to help law enforcement investigate and prosecute crimes without fear of being deported...
- **Eligibility**: If you are a noncitizen victim, you need to meet ALL of these requirements.
  - Victim of qualifying criminal activity*
  - Suffered mental and physical abuse as a result of being a victim of criminal activity
  - Have information about the criminal activity
  - The crime occurred in the United States or violated U.S. law
  - Assisted, are assisting, or willing to assist authorities in investigating or prosecuting crimes that were committed against them
  - Admissible to the United States.** (If not, may apply for a waiver on a Form I-924: Application for Advance Permission to Enter as a Nonimmigrant)

**Qualifying Criminal Activity**
Rape; torture; trafficking; incest; domestic violence; sexual assault; abusive sexual contact; prostitution; sexual exploitation; stalking; female genital mutilation; being held hostage; peonage; involuntary servitude; slave trade; kidnapping; abduction; unlawful criminal restraint; false imprisonment; blackmail; extortion; manslaughter; murder; felonious assault; witness tampering; obstruction of justice; perjury; or attempt, conspiracy, or solicitation to commit any of the above-mentioned crimes.

**Grounds for Inadmissibility**
Unlawful presence (being in the U.S. without permission and then leaving the U.S.); certain crimes; entering the U.S. without permission; having lied to immigration; falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen for any benefit; and security grounds (related to terrorism) (15)

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**Citations:**