

If you feel you have been the victim of a scam, there are people who care.

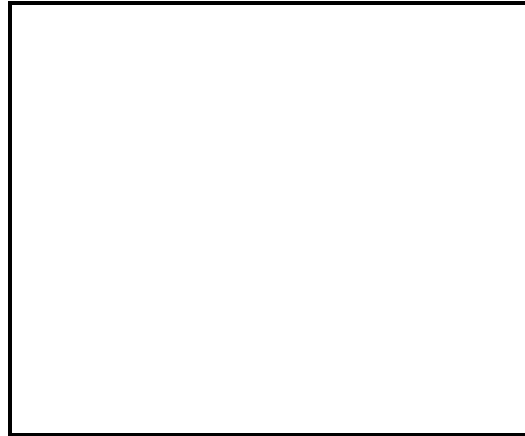
**There are people who can help you, no matter what your documentation status is.**

**You are not alone.**

Contact your local police department, social service agency, church, or Latino community leader. Find a friend or coworker you trust to help you find assistance.



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**Protect Yourself  
from Scams**



**Don't be an Easy  
Victim!**

Here are some common scams to watch out for, and things you can do to avoid being a victim.

- **Paying for Legal Services Never Received**

Many Latinos are cheated by people claiming to provide legal assistance for a fee.

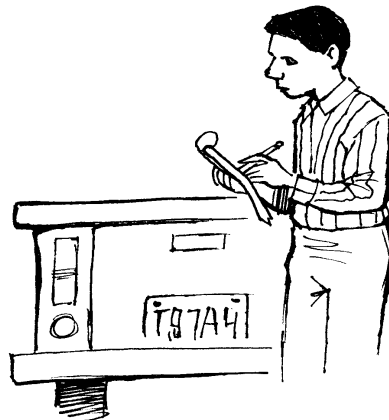
If you need legal assistance, ask your local Hispanic agency for help finding someone you can trust.

- **Not Being Paid for Work Completed**

Some people target Latino employees, hiring them for short periods of time and then firing them without paying them. Your employer must pay you for all the hours you have worked; this is the law.

Always write down your employer's full name, address, and telephone number. Try to get written information about the job you will complete, how much you will be paid, and when you will be paid.

Be careful if you are driven to another location to work on a short-term job. Write down a description of the vehicle (color, model), along with the license plate number.



## **Don't be an Easy Target!**

Remember, there are things you can do to prevent being a victim.

- **Don't trust someone just because they speak Spanish or are Latino.**
- **Ask your area Latino agency for help finding trustworthy legal assistance.**
- **You cannot buy "official" or "legal" documents from people claiming to sell them.**

