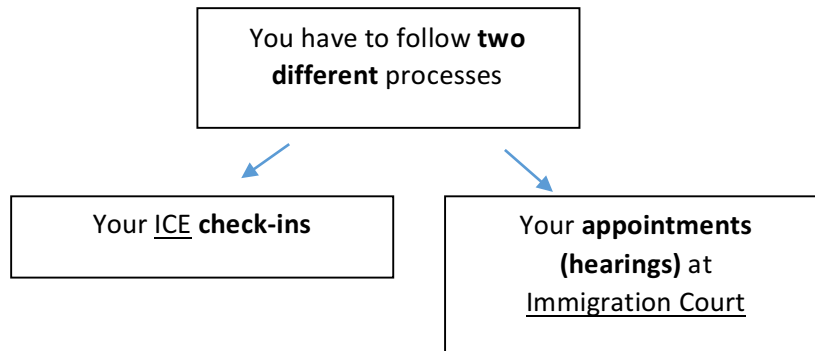


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Welcome!

Now that I'm in the US, what will happen with my immigration case?



1. Go to all of your ICE check-ins

These check-ins are for ICE to keep track of your location in the US while your case is pending in court. Not going to your ICE check-ins could result in ICE sending you back to a detention center.

2. Go to all of your appointments (hearings) at Immigration Court

These appointments (or hearings) are to determine if you will be able to legally remain in the US, or if you will have to return to your country. If you don't go to your appointments, it's very likely that the judge will order you deported (that you be returned to your country) because you didn't come to your hearing.

When do I have to go to Immigration court?

Within two weeks you should receive a letter with information about your first hearing with immigration court. (This letter should come to the address of your sponsor that appears in the documents you were given at the border.) Meanwhile, call the immigration court at **1-800-898-7180** at least once a week – you might find out the date of your first court appointment by calling before you receive the letter with that information.

- Dial **1-800-898-7180**. Press **1** for instructions in English, or **2** for instructions in Spanish.
 - To search for information, you will have to search **by your A number**, not by your name.
 - Your A number appears in the documents you were given at the border.
 - Your A number: _____
 - Your spouse's A number (if they are here with you): _____
 - Your child/children's A number(s): _____, _____
- It's possible that your court hearing will be on the same date as your spouse and/or your child/children. But it's important to dial **1-800-898-7180** once a week for each member of your family.

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What if I don't have a lawyer to go with me to my first court hearing?

Don't be scared! Your case will not be decided at the first hearing. You can ask the judge to give you more time to find a lawyer. The judge will give you a second hearing for a future date.

Who can help me with my case?

Below is a list of organizations that serve immigrant communities. Once you arrive at your destination, you should get in contact with these agencies. All you have to do is say something like:

"Hi, my name is _____. I was at the border with my child/children for _____ days, and I am waiting for information about my court hearing. I have questions and I need to talk to someone about my Immigration case."

There is currently a lot of demand for legal services so it is very likely that you will have to wait several weeks (or more) to get an appointment with a lawyer or legal assistant. It's important to call several agencies. Please be patient, and if you are offered a place on a waitlist, take it. And when you have your appointment with a lawyer or legal assistant, it's very important to answer all their questions by telling them everything and sharing details about your situation, even if it's hard to talk about – don't be afraid, they are there to help you.

Remember that in the United States a **notario is NOT a lawyer**. There are people who present themselves as if they were lawyers but who actually are not. There are also lawyers who are really lawyers but who are not experts in immigration law. So it's very important that you reach out to agencies like the ones listed below that specialize in helping immigrants – these agencies are trustworthy and excellent quality, and they don't charge for their services.