



Alert for people representing themselves in immigrant court

Immigration courts are targeting people without attorneys by moving up hearings and cramming over 100 cases together at a time, often with little notice. People who fail to attend are being ordered removed for being absent. Court staff is verifying those present and providing them a copy of a change of address form.

Here's what you should do to avoid missing a hearing:



Keep a close eye on your mailbox for a new hearing date, but you shouldn't rely on just your mail.



Check for your hearing online by visiting EOIR's Automated Case Information System website at

<https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/>

We recommend you check EOIR's system at least once a day.



You can also call the EOIR automated case information number at 1-800-898-7180 for information about your next hearing date. We recommend calling regularly.

But Be Aware! Sometimes there are issues with the Immigration Court system's updates.

Sometimes people call EOIR's information number or online system and see or hear "Case System Unavailable" or "there is no information for this A number."

This could mean there is no Notice to Appear (court filing) or no case; however, if you have had a case in the past or think you might have a court date, this could be happening for a few reasons, even though you still have a hearing date! Here is what could be happening:

1. Someone who is applying for protection because they are a crime victim (U-visa), human trafficking victim (T-visa), or through the Violence Against Women Act protection, or in some asylum cases, might not have their hearing information shared due to confidentiality.
2. If the Notice to Appear has been filed the same day as your hearing, it might not appear right away in the system.

If you had hearings prior to this date but now suddenly do not see anything in the case system, it could be that your case was marked confidential and you can only find out your next hearing through calling the immigration court now.

If you think you might have a hearing, then call the [local immigration court](#) to find out more.