

# Five Ways to Avoid Immigration Scams

## #1

**KNOW THAT IMMIGRATION FORMS ARE FREE!** You do not need to pay for immigration forms. They are free and available online or at a local United States Citizenship and Immigration Services field office.

## #2

Only go to an attorney or a Department of Justice (DOJ) Accredited Representative to seek advice about your immigration matter. Find out if an individual is a licensed attorney in your state at [shop.americanbar.org/ebus/ABAGroups/DivisionforBarServices/BarAssociationDirectories](http://shop.americanbar.org/ebus/ABAGroups/DivisionforBarServices/BarAssociationDirectories). Find current DOJ Accredited Representatives at [justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports](http://justice.gov/eoir/recognition-accreditation-roster-reports).

## #3

Do not sign blank forms or forms that contain false information. USCIS cannot adjudicate blank forms and filing applications with false information can lead to bad legal consequences. Always read documents before you sign and demand translation if necessary.

## #4

Avoid paying your service provider in cash. Pay with check, money order, or credit card to create a payment record.

## #5

Keep copies of everything you sign, including forms filed with USCIS.