

Living Safely in New York City as an immigrant

New York City is a "Sanctuary City." This means that the city protects all people, no matter where they come from or their immigration status. If you are an immigrant and part of the LGBTQIA+ community, you have specific rights.

1. Safety and Privacy

In New York, city workers (like police officers or teachers) cannot ask you about your immigration status. You can get an **IDNYC** card even if you do not have a visa. This card helps you enter buildings and get services.

2. Work and Housing

It is illegal for a landlord to say "no" to you because of your sexual orientation or gender identity. Also, your boss must pay you fairly. They cannot treat you badly or threaten to call immigration (ICE) if you complain about a problem.

3. Health and Help

There are many organizations in NYC that give free help. You can find **legal advice**, **healthcare**, and **food** at community centers. If you need help, you can call **311**. If you have a legal question, you can call the MOIA Hotline. They speak many languages and want to help you stay safe.

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<https://archive.nytimes.com/lens.blogs.nytimes.com/2016/10/13/life-in-the-heart-of-new-yorks-lgbt-latino-community-joana-toro/>

Countable and Non-Countable Nouns

In English, some things are "countable" (1, 2, 3...) and some things are "non-countable" (ideas, liquids, or groups).

Rule Box:

- **Countable:** An ID card, two landlords, many rights.
- **Non-Countable:** Advice, help, privacy, information, money.

Activity A: Sorting the Words

Look at the words from the article. Put them in the correct column.

Words:

Lawyer, Information, Apartment, Help, ID card, Advice, Job, Money, City, Protection.

Countable Nouns (1, 2, 3...)	Non-Countable Nouns (General)

Choose the Correct Word in the sentences below.

1. I need some (**advice / advices**) about my housing rights.
2. How (**many / much**) money do I need for the subway?
3. The center provides a lot of (**information / informations**) for LGBTQ+ people.
4. There are many (**organization / organizations**) in Manhattan that help immigrants.
5. Do you have (**a / an / some**) ID card from the city?