

IMMIGRATION DETENTION

Thousands of people - including those with mental health issues and young children - are detained on "immigration hold" with no set release date for violations such as



not having the right documents

being considered a flight risk



or just for further examination.

The Canada Border Services Agency can arrest and detain foreign nationals, including refugee claimants and permanent residents, if they have reasonable grounds to believe the person is a "danger to the public" or a "flight risk" for another proceeding.



if an immigrant detainee qualifies, we will pay for a lawyer to represent them at their 48-hour review hearing and subsequent hearings.

Since LAO launched its program, the Immigration and Refugee Board has reported that the rate of representation at immigration detention reviews has risen from below 40% to 99%.



