

**Los Angeles County
Sheriff's Department (LASD)
Policy on Immigration
Inquiries & Notification**

The LASD is committed to reassuring immigrant communities that there is no need to fear contact with the Sheriff's Department. The LASD's policy on Immigration Inquiries and Notifications (Section 05-09/271.00) includes the following:

- Department members shall not inquire about an individual's immigration status.
- Department members shall not initiate police action with the objective of discovering the individual's immigration status.
- Deputies shall not arrest an individual on suspicion of violating a federal immigration law relating to illegal entry, being unlawfully present, or overstaying a visa.
- If a victim's, witness's, or offender's immigration status is discovered during an investigation, deputies shall not forward that information to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).
- Department members shall not use an immigration authority as an interpreter.
- For additional policy information, visit <https://lasd.org/transparency/immigration/>



Questions or Complaints

Sheriff's Information Bureau
(213) 229 - 1700

Internal Affairs Bureau
(800) 698 - 8255



We welcome you to contact your local Sheriff's Station for additional questions or concerns. You can locate station contact information at <https://lasd.org/stations/>



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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I be deported by LASD during a routine traffic stop or call for help?

Answer: No. The Sheriff's Department does not enforce federal immigration laws. Deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department are prohibited from asking about a person's immigration status during routine traffic stops or calls for service.

If a deputy discovers I'm an undocumented immigrant, will the deputy arrest me for a violation of a federal immigration law?

Answer: No. Sheriff's Department policy prohibits deputies from arresting or booking an individual on suspicion of violating federal immigration laws.

Can I be deported by LASD if I report a crime or call for help?

Answer: No. The mission of the Sheriff's Department is to investigate crimes that have occurred, regardless of a victim's or offender's immigration status. When receiving a call for service, the focus of the Sheriff's Department is helping victims and witnesses, not enforcing federal immigration laws. If a victim's or a witness' immigration status is discovered during an investigation, Department personnel are prohibited by policy from notifying ICE of the person's immigration status.

What happens to a Deputy who asks about my immigration status?

Answer: A deputy sheriff who inappropriately inquires about immigration status is subject to administrative discipline.

Can I file a complaint if I am asked about my immigration status by a member of the LASD?

Answer: Yes. Information on how to file a complaint can be found at <https://lasd.org/file-a-complaint/>. You can also call 1-800-698-TALK (8255).

Does the Sheriff's Department assist ICE with immigration enforcement operations?

Answer: No. The Sheriff's Department does not participate in or assist ICE with immigration enforcement operations. We may participate in joint federal task force operations with federal immigration authorities only where the purpose of the task force is to investigate violations of local, state, or federal criminal laws unrelated to immigration enforcement.

Will I get deported by ICE from a county jail if arrested and booked for a crime?

Answer: It depends. The Federal Government has access to the fingerprints of everyone who is booked nationwide and may begin deportation proceedings. However, LASD only allows ICE access to inmates in jails who have been convicted of certain crimes as enumerated in California Government Code section 7282.5

What is the procedure for a victim of a crime to apply for a "U Visa"?

Answer: To qualify, a person must be a victim of a qualifying crime. In some cases, witnesses and/or family members may be eligible to apply. Individuals who believe they may qualify should seek legal advice regarding the eligibility requirements, whether they qualify, and whether they are likely to meet the requirements for obtaining such a visa.

Resources

**Los Angeles County
Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA)**

Website: oia.lacounty.gov

Services:

- Free immigration legal services
- Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) support
- "Know Your Rights" materials
- Help accessing County services and public benefits

LA County Library – Immigration Resources

Website: lacountylibrary.org/citizenship/

Services:

- Citizenship and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes
- Free legal clinics
- Immigration information

211 LA County

Website: www.211la.org

Phone: Dial 2-1-1 (available 24/7, multilingual)

Services:

- Connections to legal, health, housing, and immigration services.

