

RESOURCES

County of San Luis Obispo Immigration Resources: Know Your Rights

Website:
www.slocounty.ca.gov/home/immigration-resources

Online Resources in English & Spanish

- Printable Red Card
- Caregiver's Affidavit
- Guardianship Petitions (through SLO Legal Assistance Foundation)
- Step-by-step Family Preparedness Guide
- Guide for Talking About Immigration with Your Child(ren)

211 SLO County

Website: 211slo.org
Phone: 2-1-1

- Online Resources in English & Spanish
- Connections to legal, health, housing, and immigration services.
- Call to speak with a Contact Specialist for personalized assistance.
- Free & confidential, 24/7

CONTACT US

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We welcome you to contact your local Sheriff's Station for additional questions or concerns. You can locate station contact information at www.slosheriff.org/contact/



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SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE

IMMIGRATION INFORMATION GUIDE

Information and Resources



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How does SB 54 (California Values Act) define the Sheriff's Office responsibility for immigration enforcement?

Answer: SB 54 prohibits state and local law enforcement from using their resources to investigate, interrogate, detain, or arrest people for civil immigration enforcement purposes. The law limits cooperation with federal immigration authorities to specific, legally defined circumstances.

Transfers and information sharing to ICE are only authorized under the narrow exceptions provided by SB 54. They are further outlined in Government Code §7282.5.

Does the Sheriff's Office comply with detainers from ICE?

Answer: The Sheriff's Office does not comply nor recognize detainer requests to hold someone up to 48 hours after eligible release. Notifications of release dates only occur in compliance with California Values Act (SB 54). We only comply with immigrations authorities in situations explicitly permitted under California Law. We do not hold or detain any individual past their scheduled release date and time for immigration purposes.

Under what circumstances does someone in jail get transferred to ICE?

Answer: Transfers and information sharing to ICE are only authorized under the narrow exceptions which include the following:

- A valid arrest warrant signed by a magistrate.
- Certain qualifying criminal convictions, such as serious or violent felonies as defined under California Penal Code §1192.7 or §667.5(c).
- Certain qualifying convictions that can be charged as a felony or a misdemeanor (wobbler) that are defined under Government Code §7282.5(a)(3).

Additional requirements:

- Agencies must not detain a person past their release date/time for ICE.
- Agencies must provide the individual a copy of any ICE request and document the decision to comply or not (as required by the TRUTH Act).

What prompts ICE involvement when the Sheriff's Office responds to a call for service?

Answer: ICE is not notified during routine calls for service. Immigration status is not a consideration when deputies respond to calls or make arrests in the field.

ICE involvement may only occur if:

- The person is subject to a judicial arrest warrant.
- The individual's criminal history or charges meet the qualifying exceptions under SB 54 as outlined above.

Deputies do not ask about immigration status during calls for service or traffic stops. The department's goal is to ensure public safety and uphold trust within the community.

How and where are incarcerated persons released from custody? What if ICE is in the parking lot in front of the jail?

Answer: All incarcerated persons at the county jail are released through the public lobby once they are legally eligible for release. This may occur for various reasons, including posting bail, completion of their sentence, or other lawful release conditions. The public lobby and adjacent parking lot are public areas, and as such, the Sheriff's Office does not control who may be present in those spaces. If representatives from ICE or any other agency are in these areas, they are legally permitted to be there, but their presence does not indicate or imply communication or coordination with our agency.

All incarcerated persons are released in the same manner, in accordance with law and departmental policy, ensuring a consistent and lawful release process for every individual.

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

Answer: No. The Sheriff's Office does not participate in or assist ICE with immigration operations. Our job is to keep the community safe by responding to calls for service, engaging in community policing, and staffing the county jail. We are focused on protecting everyone in our community, not enforcing immigration laws.