



ARLINGTON COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

The role of Arlington County Police Department (ACPD) is to keep our community safe, not to enforce federal immigration laws. We want to ensure all people – regardless of their country of origin – continue to report crimes and engage with Arlington County Police Officers. ACPD’s policies are in accordance with the County’s Trust Policy, designed to strengthen trust with our immigrant community.

ARLINGTON COUNTY REMAINS A WELCOMING COMMUNITY

- Arlington County remains a community that welcomes and values all.
- Arlington County believes creating a culture of fear and distrust of law enforcement makes a community less safe.
- Arlington County Police Department works with the community to maintain strong relationships vital to public safety.
- An individual’s right to file a police report, participate in police-community activities, or otherwise benefit from police services is not contingent upon citizenship or immigration status.
- Arlington County Police Department does not participate in the Federal Government’s 287 (g) Program.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Arlington County Police Department...

- Serves all people, regardless of citizenship or immigration status.
- Does not and will not perform proactive immigration status checks on residents or visitors.
- Has not and will not monitor, detain, interview or investigate an individual solely for the purpose of determining their immigration status.
- Requests identification documents only for the purpose of establishing a person’s identity and accepts government issued and other forms of reasonably acceptable identifications (such as School IDs and Foreign Government IDs).
- Only contacts federal immigration authorities under the following limited circumstances:
 - An undocumented immigrant who has been identified as a gang member and is wanted or arrested for a violent felony or gang offense.
 - An undocumented immigrant who is arrested for a felony offense or is a confirmed gang member, where notification is prudent to maintain community safety.
 - An undocumented immigrant who is arrested for a terrorism or human trafficking offense.

ENFORCEMENT OF FEDERAL IMMIGRATION LAWS

- Enforcement of federal immigration laws is the sole responsibility of the federal government.
- Arlington County Police will cooperate to the fullest extent with any law enforcement agency, including ICE, requesting assistance with executing a criminal warrant in Arlington County. The purpose of Arlington County Police involvement is to maintain public safety.

MORE INFORMATION



CONTACT POLICE

If you are in need of police services, call the Emergency Communications Center at 703-558-2222 or 9-1-1 in an emergency. You can also report non-emergency incidents online through our [online reporting system](#).

HAVE CONCERNS?

ACPD investigates complaints thoroughly. If you’re concerned a police action is inappropriate or violates the law, please contact the **Office of Professional Responsibility** at 703-228-4076, ACPDInternalAffairs@arlingtonva.us, or complete our [online form](#).