

ARRESTING A NON-U.S. CITIZEN

Consular Notification Process



Q: Are you a U.S. citizen?

A. “YES, I am a U.S. citizen.”

(No further action required.)



A. “NO, I am not a U.S. citizen.”



Q: Are you a national of one of these countries?

Albania
Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Bahamas
Barbados
Belarus
Belize
Brunei
Bulgaria
China¹

Costa Rica
Cyprus
Czech Republic
Dominica
Fiji
Gambia
Georgia
Ghana
Grenada
Guyana
Hungary
Jamaica

Kazakhstan
Kiribati
Kuwait
Kyrgyzstan
Malaysia
Malta
Mauritius
Moldova
Mongolia
Nigeria
Philippines
Poland²

Romania
Russia
St. Kitts and Nevis
St. Lucia
St. Vincent and the Grenadines
Seychelles
Sierra Leone
Singapore
Slovakia
Tajikistan
Tanzania

Tonga
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Turkmenistan
Tuvalu
Ukraine
United Kingdom³
Uzbekistan
Zambia
Zimbabwe

1. Includes Hong Kong and Macao. For consular notification purposes, does not include Taiwan (a Taiwan passport may bear the name “Republic of China”).

2. Mandatory only for non-permanent residents in the United States (i.e., those not holding a “green card”); for green card holders, notification is upon request.

3. UK includes Anguilla, British Virgin Islands, Bermuda, Montserrat, and the Turks and Caicos islands. Residents’ passports bear the name of their territory and may also bear the name “United Kingdom.” Whether or not the passport bears the name “United Kingdom,” consular services for these persons are provided by UK consulates.

A. “YES”

STEP 1. Inform detainee that they may communicate with embassy/consulate, and that you must notify the embassy/consulate of arrest/detention.

STEP 2. Notify nearest embassy/consulate without delay.

STEP 3. Make record of notification in case file. Where email or fax is sent, keep confirmation.

STEP 4. Allow consular officers access to detainee if they subsequently request access.

(No further action required.)



A. “NO”

Inform detainee, without delay, that they may have the embassy/consulate notified of arrest/detention.



IN ALL CASES:

Do not inform embassy/consulate about detainee’s refugee or asylum status.

Detainee may communicate with consular officer and may request consular access at any time (whether previously declined or not).

Contact Us:
U.S. Department of State
Consular Notification & Access
ConsNot@state.gov
Diplomatic Security
After Hours
(571) 345-3146

Q: Do you want your embassy/consulate notified of your arrest/detention?

A. “YES”

STEP 1. Make note in case file.

STEP 2. Notify nearest embassy/consulate without delay.

STEP 3. Make record of notification in case file. Where email or fax is sent, keep confirmation.

STEP 4. Allow consular officers access to detainee if they subsequently request access.

(No further action required.)



A. “NO”

STEP 1. Make note in case file.

STEP 2. Do not inform the embassy/consulate.

(No further action required.)



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