



## Message from Mayor Murray

Seattle has remained a Welcoming City, even during this difficult time when immigrants and their role in our country are under attack. I have signed an Executive Order that reaffirms our City's commitment to all residents, regardless of their immigration status. This order ensures that City employees will not ask residents about immigration status and that all City services are available to all our residents. It also establishes a cabinet to ensure that new Americans are being treated fairly and equitably. Everyone should feel safe and welcome in Seattle.



## Seattle Office of Immigrant and Refugee Affairs

- Free or low-cost assistance with your federal citizenship application.
- Free ESL classes with digital literacy and jobs readiness training to help low-English proficient (LEP) residents gain skills needed for a new or better-paying job.
- Immigrant Family Institute cultivates trust between immigrant youth and parents with Seattle police officers and to navigate city, legal, and educational systems.

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## Reporting Neighborhood Incidents

If you find graffiti, broken street lights, illegal dumping, overgrown vegetation, or other safety concerns in your neighborhood, you can report it from your smartphone by downloading the Find It, Fix It App. To learn more, visit [seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app](http://seattle.gov/customer-service-bureau/find-it-fix-it-mobile-app). If you would rather talk to someone, call the City's Customer Service Bureau at (206) 684-2489.

## Seattle Police Department Safe Place Program

Businesses and organizations may also be interested in joining SPD's Safe Space Program where "Safe Place" signage is being displayed by local supporting community members, businesses, schools, and organizations that work closely with the Seattle Police Department in an effort to reduce anti-LGBTQ crimes, reduce LGBTQ student bullying and encourage the reporting of LGBTQ crimes. These are also locations supporting safe and secure places for victims of anti-LGBTQ related crimes and harassment. For more information, visit [seattle.gov/spd-safe-place](http://seattle.gov/spd-safe-place).

## Seattle's Welcoming City Policy

1. City employees will not ask residents seeking City services about immigration status, unless police officers have a reasonable suspicion that a person is committing or has committed a felony criminal-law violation.
2. City employees will serve all residents, and services will remain accessible to all residents, regardless of immigration status, ancestry, race, ethnicity, national origin, color, age, sex, sexual orientation, gender variance, marital status, physical or mental disability, or religion.
3. Seattle Police officers will continue to defer detainer requests from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement to King County, as jails are in King County's jurisdiction.

## Reporting Hate Crimes

**If you witness or are a victim of a hate crime in progress, call 911.**

### What is a hate crime or bias crime (legally referred to as "Malicious Harassment")?

A crime where the suspect targeted a particular person was based on their belief about the victims' race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, mental, physical, or sensory handicap, homelessness, marital status, age, parental status, gender or political ideology.

If the suspect is mistaken about the victim's status, but selected them because of the suspect's belief about the victim's status, it is still considered a malicious harassment.

### What should you do?

- If you believe the incident was motivated by your status, ask the officer to make a note of that in the report.
- If you can, give the officer the exact wording of what was said, regardless of how offensive it is.
- If there are witnesses to the incident, point them out to the officers at the scene.