

DSS investigations are vital to the law enforcement community. We are critical to securing U.S. borders and protecting U.S. national security. DSS offers training and subject-matter-expert briefings for our federal, state, local, and tribal partners.

**If you find suspicious passports or visas, believe passports or visas are being used to facilitate criminal activity, or need help with clarifying diplomatic status or immunity issues, contact us:**

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# What is the Diplomatic Security Service (DSS)?

We are the law enforcement and security arm of the U.S. Department of State, and have the largest global reach of any U.S. federal law enforcement agency.

- **270+ locations around the world**
- **170+ countries**
- **29 U.S. cities**



## Investigations

The U.S. passport is one of the most sought after documents in the world. Criminals use real or fake U.S. passports and visas to change their identities or conceal their illegal activities. They often obtain a U.S. travel document using fake or manipulated documents such as birth certificates, driver's licenses, and social security cards.



DSS special agents are federally sworn law enforcement officers who investigate these crimes. We work with U.S. federal, state, local law enforcement agencies as well as foreign and international partners to investigate crimes such as:

- Human trafficking, to include sex trafficking and forced labor
- Weapons, drug, and human smuggling
- Terrorism
- Identity theft
- Financial fraud
- Child exploitation

DSS investigators overseas can assist with U.S. partners' transnational investigations.

DSS also assists federal, state and local law enforcement partners in locating and returning fugitives who have fled to foreign countries.

## Protection

Protecting people, information and facilities are key to our mission. U.S. diplomats, their families, and State Department facilities can be targets for terrorists and international criminals. Among our protective responsibilities:

- Diplomatic facilities in the United States, and U.S. embassies and consulates overseas;
- The U.S. secretary of state: 24 hours a day, seven days a week;
- The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, foreign diplomats visiting the United States and those attending international events such as the UN General Assembly;
- U.S. athletes competing in international sporting venues such as the Olympic Games and the World Cup; and
- Protective liaison for foreign diplomatic missions in the U.S.

We often rely on our state and local law enforcement partners to assist with our protective mission.

Additionally, DSS has a close relationship with the State Department's Office of Foreign Missions, which assists with clarifying diplomatic status and immunity issues.



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