

OREGON YOUTH AUTHORITY

Policy Summary



Information for Youth Who Are Foreign Nationals

The following is only a summary of [OYA 7.0 Foreign Nationals and Consular Notification-Contact](#). Please refer to the policy for full details and as the official policy record. For other policies, visit <https://www.oregon.gov/oia/aboutoia/pages/policies.aspx>.

The Oregon Youth Authority (OYA) ensures that all youth in custody are treated fairly and have access to necessary services, regardless of their nationality or background. If a youth in OYA custody is a foreign national (a person who is not a U.S. citizen), they have the right to communicate with their country's consular officials.

Rights of Foreign National Youth

If a youth is a foreign national or believes they are, they have the right to:

- Contact their country's consular officials by phone, mail, or in person.
- Have private and confidential communication with consular officials.

OYA will provide opportunities for these communications as needed.

Consular Visits

Definition of Consular official or consul: An official of a foreign government who helps citizens from their country while they are in the United States. They can assist with things like communication, travel documents, and connecting with services. They are not lawyers and cannot provide legal advice.

- Consular officials (representatives from the youth's home country) can visit youth just like an attorney would. They must follow the same visitation rules as attorneys.
- To visit a youth, consular officials must show official identification issued by the U.S. Department of State.

Mail and Phone Calls with Consular Officials

- **Mail** sent to or received from a consular official is considered official correspondence and will be handled according to OYA's mail policies.
 - **Phone calls** between a youth and their consular official will be treated the same as attorney phone calls, ensuring privacy and proper handling.
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In Case of Death, Serious Injury, or Illness

- If a foreign national youth passes away, is seriously injured, or becomes seriously ill, OYA will notify their country's consulate as soon as possible by fax or phone.
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Additional Information

- OYA's Office of Inclusion and Intercultural Relations (OIIR) helps to manage consular communications.
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For more information on consular rights, visit the U.S. Department of State website: [Consular Notification and Access](#).

OYA is committed to ensuring that foreign national youth understand their rights and have access to their consular representatives while in custody. If you have any questions, please reach out to OIIR.