



URGENT TRAVEL ADVISORY: Travel to the United States

Issued: January 30, 2026

Status: High Caution / Avoid Non-Essential Travel

Purpose

Huu-ay-aht First Nations Government is issuing this advisory to prioritize the safety and well-being (*?uu?atuk*) of our citizens. We understand that the situation is stressful, and we need to keep our citizens informed about potential impacts of travel to the United States at this time. Due to an on-going immigration crackdown in the United States, there are confirmed reports of Indigenous people being targeted, questioned, and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Current Risks

- **Targeted Detentions:** First Nations citizens have faced increased scrutiny and detainment by ICE agents, even when presenting valid identification.
- **Identification Challenges:** Reports indicate that federal agents may not recognize or accept Tribal IDs/Status Cards as sufficient identification, which can lead to delays and other possible consequences as a result.

Recommendations for HFN Citizens

1. **Avoid Non-Essential Travel:** We strongly urge citizens to avoid travel to the U.S. until further notice.
2. **Required Documentation:** If travel is absolutely necessary, do not rely solely on a Status Card. You must carry:
 - A valid **Canadian Passport**.
 - Long-form birth certificate.

Emergency Contacts

If you are detained or experience a negative encounter at the border:

- **Canadian Consulate (Emergency):** 1-613-996-8885/1-800-387-3124

*Everything is one (Hišukma c'awaak).
We must protect each other during this unpredictable time.*