## New Edition of "The Consular Notification and Access Manual" Released

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The Department of State is pleased to announce its publication of the third edition of "The Consular Notification and Access Manual." Produced by the Bureau of Consular Affairs and the Office of the Legal Adviser, the manual instructs federal, state and local law enforcement and other officials on actions they must take to comply with U.S. obligations under the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations and other international agreements. It includes details on steps U.S. authorities must take when a foreign national in the United States is arrested or detained, dies, is involved in the wreck of a foreign vessel, or requires the appointment of a guardian.

The manual, which is available free of charge, supports the Department's efforts to ensure that the United States meets its international obligations to notify foreign consular officials about their citizens in the United States.

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