



# U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY VICTIM INFORMATION NOTIFICATION EXCHANGE (DHS-VINE)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) prioritizes the safety of victims who have been affected by crimes with an immigration nexus. To ensure that victims remain informed about the custody status of their alien offenders, DHS has created the Victim Information Notification Exchange (DHS-VINE).

DHS-VINE is a web-based system that sends notifications to registrants who have been affected by crimes committed by a removable alien in U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) custody.

### WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF REGISTERING?

**DHS-VINE offers:** 

- Free registration
- Timely and automated notifications when an offender is:
  - Taken into ICE custody
  - Released from ICE custody
  - Removed from the U.S.

## HOW WILL I RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS?

Eligible registrants can choose from the following notification options:



Text Message

**⊠** Email

#### **AM I ELIGIBLE TO REGISTER?**

Individuals eligible to receive custody status notifications include:

- Victims of crimes
- Witnesses of crimes
- Individuals with a legal responsibility to act on behalf of a victim or witness (e.g., attorneys, parents, legal guardians)
- Individuals acting at the request of a victim or witness

#### WHAT DO I NEED TO REGISTER?

Eligible registrants must have either:

- The offender's full name AND their country of birth
- The offender's A-Number AND their country of birth

### Register for DHS-VINE at https://vinelink.dhs.gov/