

Deportation to El Salvador



Returning to a country after deportation can be scary. You may feel worried or lonely. You may feel anxious about going to a new place where you don't know anyone. Maybe you will be with your family again, but you haven't seen them for years. Know that you are not alone. There are organizations and resources available to help you in your journey. This section will give you information on deportation to El Salvador.

☆ For more information on how to create a family plan in case of deportation, see the Make a Plan chapter.

Upon Arrival

Flights take off Monday through Friday from the US to the Oscar Arnulfo Romero International Airport. When you get there, people from the Directorate of Assistance to Migrants (DAMI) will meet you. They will take you by bus to the DAMI headquarters in San Salvador.

A word of caution: the DAMI headquarters is next to the a known gang territory. If you don't know the area, ask DAMI for help with transport and directions. Coyotes and scammers are often around DAMI. They may offer you a ride or a stay at a hotel. Do not accept these offers or give them money.

At the DAMI offices, you'll wait in the reception room. Someone from DAMI will explain the steps you'll follow to help you get where you need to go. If you live outside San Salvador, you'll go first. People who live in San Salvador will go next.

These steps aren't necessarily in order. Everyone goes through them in a different order based on their situation.

1. The first step is a short interview with the General Directorate of Migration and Aliens. They'll ask for basic information like:

- Your name, age, and gender
- Why you moved to the US
- How long you were in the US
- Where you lived and worked

- If you still have family in the US
- If you were abused during the deportation process
- Contact information in El Salvador, if you have it

If your belongings were held during deportation, you can ask for them now.

2. The National Civil Police does the second step. If you have any criminal charges in El Salvador, the police will process you now. Did you leave El Salvador because of violence, like human trafficking? You can file a complaint about it now.
3. Next, you'll get medical care from the Ministry of Health. They will offer you a checkup and a psychological diagnosis. They can also refer you to a health center near your home. You can refuse this service if you choose.
4. Next, you'll speak with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. They can help you contact your family members both inside and outside El Salvador. You can also ask about claiming property and signing up for benefits through social programs.
5. The fifth step is for women who have gone through violence in El Salvador or other countries. This step is run by the Salvadoran Institute for the Development of Women. They can get you legal help.
6. Have you lost your Unique Identity Document? The National Registry of Natural Persons can help you get a new one.

While at DAMI, you can also use the phone and internet. They will give you clothes if you need them. Do you plan to leave the city? The General Directorate of Migration and Aliens can help you with bus fare.

When you finish the steps at NAMI, you'll go to the waiting room. If your friends or family are picking you up, they will be waiting there. If not, a DAMI bus will take you to the main bus station in San Salvador. You can get a bus to your final destination there.

If you need a place to stay, the Migrant Assistance Center can give you shelter. You'll need to prove that you have no one to stay with in San Salvador. You'll also need to prove you don't have the money to pay for a hotel. You can also show them that there is no bus to your city or town.

After Arrival

Sadly, there are not a lot of programs to help returned migrants in El Salvador. See the directory on the next page for a few.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Labor can help you with technical training, training on how to apply for jobs, and some seed money. They also have a tool to help you find job openings. You can visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs online at www.rree.gob.sv and the Ministry of Labor at www.mtps.gob.sv.



El Salvador Resources

Salvadoran Consular Offices in the United States: Assists with getting your ID, ensuring your rights are protected in prison/detention, will help you find contact information for family members, help connect you with resources for health care and education			
State/City	Address	Phone/Email	Website
Arizona/ Tucson	1039 N 6th Ave, Tucson, AZ 85705	(888) 301-1130 consuladotucson@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ConsulTucsonSV/
California/ Los Angeles	3450 Wilshire Blvd #550, Los Angeles, CA 90010	(213) 234-9200 consuladoesla@rree.gob.sv	https://locator.lacounty.gov/lac/Location/3176563/consulate-general-of-el-salvador
California/ San Francisco	507 Polk St #280, San Francisco, CA 94102	(415) 771-8524, (888) 301-1130 consuladosanfrancisco@rree.gob.sv	
California/ San Diego	353 Church Ave A, Chula Vista, CA 91910	(619) 585-8883 esconsulsd@sbcglobal.net	
California/ Oakland	International Blvd 2B, Oakland, CA 94603	(510) 635-1700 infoEEUU@rree.gob.sv	
Colorado/ Denver	1450 S Havana St #100, Aurora, CO 80012	(888) 301-1130 consuladoaurora@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ConsulAuroraSV/
Florida/ Miami	8550 NW 33rd St #100, Doral, FL 33122	(305) 799-2530 consuladosv-doralfl@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ConsulDoralSV/

Georgia/ Atlanta	3550 Corporate Way A, 30096	(888) 301-1130 consuladatlanta@rree.gob.sv	https://www.embassypages.com/elsalvador-consulategeneral-atlanta-unitedstates
Illinois/ Chicago	177 N State Mezzanine, Chicago, IL 60601	(312) 332-1393, (312) 578-5390 consuladochicago@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/CGES21
Maryland/ Silver Spring	926 Philadelphia Ave, Silver Spring, MD 20910	(240) 670-7509 consuladoelsalvador@dc@gmail.com , consuladoespasaportedc@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/consuladoelsalvadorsilverpring/
Massachusetts/ Boston	46 Bennington E St, Boston, MA 02128	(617) 567-8338, (617) 567-8484 consuladoboston@rree.gob.sv , consuladoboston@gmail.com	www.facebook.com/Consulado-General-de-El-Salvador-Boston-Massachusetts-409513465810925/
Nevada/ Las Vegas	765 N Nellis Blvd C-5, Las Vegas, NV 89110	(702) 437-5337, (702) 437-5339 consuladolasvegas2@gmail.com , consuladolasvegas@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/ConsuladoLV
New Jersey/ Newark	40 Parker Rd #100, Elizabeth, NJ 07208	(908) 820 0881 consuladonewjersey@rree.gob.sv	https://www.embassypages.com/elsalvador-consulate-newark-unitedstates
New York/ New York	12 W 37th St, New York, NY 10018	(212) 889-3608 consuladonyc@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/consuladonyc/
New York/ Brentwood	151 Alkier St, Brentwood, Long Island, NY 11717	(888) 301-1130 comunicacioneslongisland@gmail.com , consuladobrentwood@gmail.com , consuladolongisland@rree.gob.sv	https://www.embassypages.com/elsalvador-consulategeneral-brentwood-unitedstates
North Carolina/ Charlotte	1520 W Blvd C, Charlotte, NC 28208	(888) 301-1130 consuladocharlotte@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/ConsulCharlotteSV/
Texas/ Houston	8300 Bissonet St #400, Houston, TX 77074	(888) 301-1130 tramiteshouston@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/CGESHoustonSV
Texas/ Dallas	7610 N Stemmons Fwy, Suite 400, Dallas, TX 75235	(888) 301-1130 portalciatas.rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ConsulDallasSV/
Texas/ Laredo	6010 McPherson Rd #140, Laredo, TX 78041	(888) 301-1130 consuladosv-laredotx@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ConsulLaredoSV/

Texas/ McAllen	701 S Broadway St, McAllen, TX 78501	(888) 301-1130 consuladomcallen@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ ConsulMcAllenSV/
Texas/ El Paso	400 W San Antonio B, El Paso, TX	(888) 301-1130 consuladoelpasotx@rree.gob.sv	www.facebook.com/ ConsuladoSVELP/
Utah/ Salt Lake City	124 S 400 E #410, Salt Lake City, UT 84111	(888) 301-1130 consuladosaltlakecity@rree.gob.sv	https://www.consulate-info.com/ consulate/22129/El-Salvador-in- Salt-Lake-City
Virginia/ Woodbridge	14572 Potomac Mills Rd #12, Woodbridge, VA 22192	(703) 490-4300 consuladosaltlakecity@rree.gob.sv	https://www.facebook.com/ ConWoodbridgeSV/

Salvadoran Government Institutes				
Name	Address	Phone/Email	Website	Description
Health Ministry	Calle Arce #827, San Salvador	(503) 2591-7000 webmaster@salud.gob.sv	www.salud.gob.sv/	Health services, COVID-19 information
Education Ministry	Alameda Juan Pablo II y Calle Guadalupe , Edificio A, San Salvador	(503) 2592-2000 educacion@mined.gob.sv	https://www.mined.gob.sv/	Educational center directory, diplomas, educational records
Labor Ministry	Alameda Juan Pablo II y 17 Ave Nte Edificios 2, 3 y 4, Centro de Gobierno, San Salvador	(503) 2529-3700 buzon.sugerencias@mtps.gob.sv	https://www.mtps.gob.sv/	Job fairs and announcements
Migrant Attention and Protection Office	9 Poniente y 15 Av N, San Salvador	(503) 2213-7700 usuarios@seguridad.gob.sv	www.migracion.gob.sv/	Reception of returning Salvadorans
Foreign Relations Ministry	Bldv Cancillería , Calle El Pedregal, Antiguo Cuscatlan, La Libertad	(503) 2555-8500	https://sansalvador.ilea.state.gov/contact	Passports, visa, information about reuniting family abroad in El Salvador
National Registry	Alameda Manuel Enrique Araujo, Edificio Carbonell N° 1, Colonia Roma, San Salvador	(503) 2521-9300 info@rnnpn.gob.sv	https://www.rnnpn.gob.sv/	Birth certificates, identification
National Council for the Protection and Development of Migrants (CONMIGRANTES)		conmigrantes@rree.gob.sv	https://www.latinno.net/en/case/9065/	Human rights protection, national development, job postings

Salvadoran Non-Profit Organizations

Name	Address	Phone/Email	Website	Description
U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI)	Col San Francisco, Calle Los Bambués y Calle Los Abetos, 37-A y B, San Salvador	(503) 2526-9219 eolan@uscrica.org	http://refugees.org/field-office/central-america/	Connection to resources to meet basic needs, legal representation
Cáritas of El Salvador	Av Olímpica y Pasaje 3, Casa #130, San Salvador	(503) 2511-4300 info@caritas.sv	http://www.caritas.sv/	Social services, economic development
Red Cross	Calle 2, Santa Lucía, San Salvador	(503) 2294-0969, (503) 2239-4942	https://cruzrojasal.org.sv/	Zika, dengue and chikungunya prevention
Scalabrini Migrant House	Col Mugdan 6ta, Ave N, Passage Viaud 716 503, San Salvador	(503) 2221-9725 migrantesv@gmail.com	https://www.migrantes.com.mx/san-salvador	Migrant shelter
Committee of Families of Disappeared and Deceased Migrants of El Salvador (COFAMIDE)	Centro Histórico, San Salvador	(503) 7602-2625 cofamide.elsalvador@yahoo.com , contact@martinbarofund.org	http://martinbarofund.org/cofamide-2017/	Psychological support and advocacy
International Organization for Migration (IOM)	Urbanización Madre Selva, Pasaje H # 5 01101 Antiguo Cuscatlán, El Salvador	(503) 2521-0500 cofamide.elsalvador@yahoo.com , contact@martinbarofund.org	https://triangulonorteca.iom.int/es/el-salvador	Migrant worker protection
Norwegian Refugee Council	San Salvador	nrc@nrc.no	https://www.nrc.no/countries/south-america/north-central-america-and-mexico/	Information, counseling and legal assistance to deportees and families
Alliance of Returned Salvadorans (ALSARE)	Boulevard Los Héroes, Condominio Los Héroes, Séptimo Nivel, Apartamento No. 7-D 503, San Salvador	(202) 360-4530 alsat.retornados16@gmail.com	https://www.iaf.gov/es/grants/el-salvador/2018-alsare/	Connection to resources to meet basic needs, psychological assistance

Salvadoran Online Resources

Name	Website	Description
The American Friends Service Committee	https://afsc.org/	Detailed online reentry guide