



Forging a New Legacy

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HSI Overview

Homeland Security Investigations cover a broad range of areas, including national security threats, financial crimes and smuggling violations (including illegal arms exports), cybercrimes, commercial fraud, human trafficking, narcotics importation, child pornography and exploitation, and immigration fraud.

200 cities in the U.S
47 countries globally

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CTCEU Mission

The Counterterrorism and Criminal Exploitation Unit (CTCEU) prevents terrorists and other criminals from exploiting the nation's immigration system. CTCEU is also responsible for reviewing the immigration status of known and suspected terrorists, combating criminal exploitation of the student and exchange visitor visa system, and leveraging HSI's investigative expertise to identify national security threats.

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CTCEU Sections

- **National Security Threat Task Force**

Identifies, disrupts, and prosecutes known or potential national security threats who may have obtained an immigration benefit by fraud.

- **Terrorist Tracking Pursuit Group**

Identifies prioritized non-immigrant national security risks for field investigation.

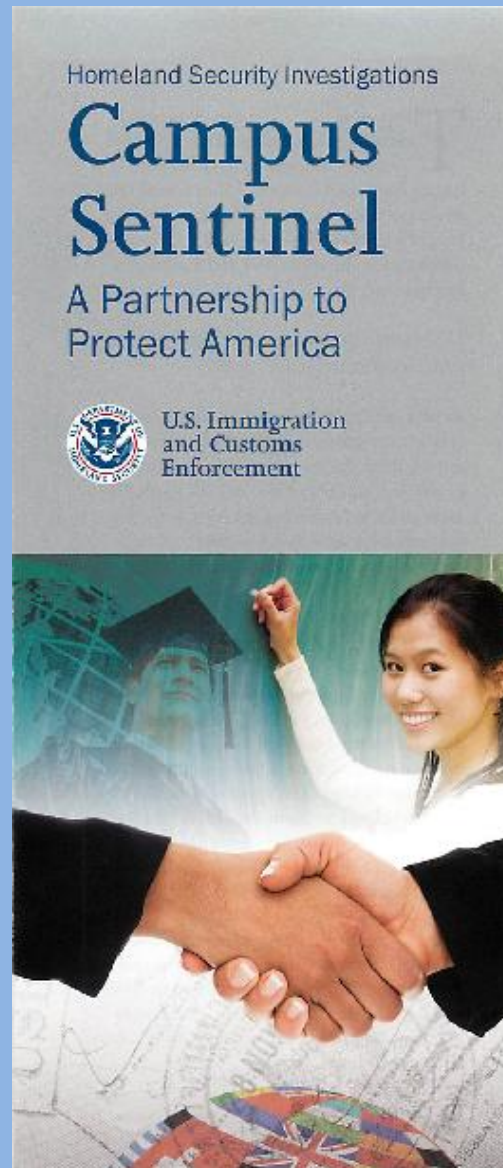
- **SEVIS Exploitation Section**

Identifies, investigates, and prosecutes schools and individuals who exploit the vulnerabilities of the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP).

SEVIS Exploitation Section

- Proactively targets and reviews SEVP certified schools and programs in order to develop criminal investigations for HSI field offices
- Provides support for HSI field offices
- Coordinates Project Campus Sentinel outreach initiative

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Project Campus Sentinel

- Developed by HSI in 2010 and introduced to NAFSA members at six NAFSA Regional Conferences.
- CTCEU attended the 2011 NAFSA National Conference in Vancouver, BC.
- Official HSI outreach initiative announced by the HSI Executive Associate Director on April 11, 2011.

HSI Recognizes:

- The importance of working in harmony with legitimate SEVP certified schools and NAFSA members.
- The benefits of a solid two-way working relationship.
- A legitimate institution's dedication to serving students, scholars, and exchange visitors while maintaining compliance with laws, regulations and their own institution's policies and procedures.

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What Has The CTCEU Done In 2011?

- Trained more than 100 HSI Supervisors and Special Agents in SEVP related policies.
- All 26 Special Agent in Charge offices have a specific point of contact for NAFSA members.
- All HSI offices in the US will be developing a relationship with local schools, colleges, and universities.
- Additional training anticipated in 2012 for 100 HSI Supervisors and Special Agents.

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Training At HSI Headquarters Included Sessions From:

- NAFSA members (NYU, Texas A&M, USC)
- NAFSA's Regulatory Compliance
- US Department of State
- US Department of Education
- SEVP
- HSI's Visa Security Unit
- CTCEU

What Should I Expect During A Visit?

- Professional and courteous Agent
- A request to meet with school officials
- Exchange of contact information
- Briefing on the purpose of Campus Sentinel
- General questions about the school and student population

What Should I Expect During A Visit?

- Trends in fraudulent schools (visa mills) and visa fraud related to F, M, and J visas
- Awareness of fraud indicators
- Awareness of potential student radicalization
- Request to report any suspicious activity

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Accomplishments

- HSI has visited more than 120 schools since July 2011
- 3 schools found closed
- 1 school had moved without notifying HSI
- 2 DSO's no longer employed, still had SEVIS access and ability to issue I-20s
- Coordination with SEVP regarding recertification and compliance issues
- Positive response from schools visited

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Things To Look For...

- Students from your school transferring to schools which may not be legitimate learning institutions
- A school's foreign student population grows unusually fast
- Failure to maintain accreditation, licensing, facilities, curriculum, or teaching staff
- Non-SEVP certified institutions providing instruction to foreign students
- Allowing students to drop below SEVP attendance requirements

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Things to Look For...

- Unusually high patterns of schools transferring students in and out multiple times
- Unlawfully maintaining students' "Active" status for money
- Recruitment of students under false pretences/advertising
- Schools providing false diplomas or transcripts

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Things To Think About:

- Please be timely and accurate when reporting changes in material facts pertaining to your school
- Please be timely and accurate when reporting changes, or updates, of your student records

Recent HSI Investigations

- National Security / Public Safety
- Visa Fraud
- J Fraud
- Flight School
- Conspiracy, False Statements, Fraud in Connection with Computers, and criminal DSO Fraud

Resources

www.ice.gov

www.ice.gov/locator

www.ice.gov/sevis

www.j1visa.state.gov

www.uscis.gov

Reporting Suspicious Activity

ICE/HSI – 1-866-DHS-2ICE
(1-866-347-2423)

-OR-

Contact your local HSI Office

QUESTIONS?

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