

# WHAT SHOULD I DO IF THE U.S. AUTHORITIES HOLD MY CHILD IN CUSTODY?

Foreign authorities are obliged to notify the Mexican consulate if they are holding any Mexican children in custody. This could happen if the child has been detained, if he/she is traveling unaccompanied or if his/her parents have been detained.

## How can the consulate help me?

Mexican civil workers can intervene to make sure minors are legally and adequately represented to have their rights and the rights of their parents or tutors protected. The consulate can do the following:



Confirm the nationality and identity of the minor being held in custody



Request for an interview to know the situation



Enter the case in the SIPC



Contact the social worker in charge of custody, the parents or tutors and the legal representatives to provide adequate assistance



Support you in obtaining the documents, identifications, and witness notifications required by the authorities or legal representatives

