

MISSING IN CALIFORNIA: FAQ FOR NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES AND TRIBAL CITIZENS.

Introduction

Assembly Bill 3099 (Ramos, 2020) (AB 3099) created the Tribal Assistance Program within the California Department of Justice (DOJ's) Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA). AB 3099 entrusted the DOJ to address issues involving missing and murdered Native Americans in California. The Missing in California: FAQ for Native American Tribes and Tribal Citizens aims to provide Native American Tribes, Tribal citizens, Tribal communities, and Tribal organizations with critical information and resources to assist in navigating the experience of what to do when a loved one and/or Tribal citizen goes missing.

How to use the FAQ

The Missing in California: FAQ for Native American Tribes and Tribal Citizens is organized by nine (9) categories of questions that were frequently asked by Native American community member and representatives of Tribal governments:

1. Who may be reported missing and when?
2. What can you expect when reporting someone missing?
3. What happens after someone is reported missing?
4. What happens if local law enforcement locates the missing person or if the missing person returns?
5. What are missing persons databases and how does DNA play a role in locating/identifying someone?
6. How can you help?
7. What happens if the case is not resolved after the initial search and investigation?
8. What do I do if I believe law enforcement is not investigating my missing person's report?
9. What is a Feather Alert and how do I get one issued for my loved one?

Please note that this is not an exhaustive FAQ on missing persons questions and answers. If you would like to recommend changes to the FAQ, or if you have any concerns you would like to share with ONAA regarding a missing person case, please do not hesitate to contact us at ContactONAA@doj.ca.gov and we will do our best to assist you.

To view the FAQ, go to the website below or scan the code:
oag.ca.gov/nativeamerican/faq

