



Public safety services are here to help everyone

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Here is important information about our public safety services:

What-Comm 911

When calling 911 in Whatcom County — a service operated by Bellingham Police — you are not asked about your nationality or immigration status. Our focus is on your safety, your location and the nature of your emergency, so that we can help you. If there is a language barrier, then you may be asked if you speak a different language in order to connect with the City's contracted professional interpretation service. We only share that information with our language services provider so we can access the correct interpreter. Contact What-Comm 911 if you have questions.

Bellingham Police

Bellingham Police personnel don't take any actions based on immigration status alone. Immigration and civil federal law enforcement is the responsibility of the federal government — not Bellingham Police. By state law, we do not routinely ask or collect information about immigration or citizenship status, or place of birth. We only ask for this information if it will help in a criminal investigation of Washington State Law or Bellingham Municipal Code. If there is a language barrier, we work with The Language Line interpretation service to communicate with you. All officers have an interpretation app on their work cell phones. In addition, several officers are fluent in multiple languages and may be able to communicate with you in your preferred language. many officers are fluent in multiple languages.

Bellingham Fire and Emergency Medical Services

Bellingham Fire and Emergency Medical Services /EMS staff are focused on protecting lives and property and reducing hazards. You will not be asked about your nationality or immigration status when receiving these emergency services. When needed, we may ask what language you speak so that we can connect with a professional interpreter service to get you the help you need. In addition, several fire and emergency medical services staff are fluent in multiple languages and may be able to communicate with you in your preferred language.

We are here for you when you need help. We are committed to making sure Bellingham is a place where the safety, rights and dignity of all are maintained and protected.

Please reach out if you have questions:

- What-Comm 911: 360-778-8900
- Bellingham Police: (360) 778-8800
- Bellingham Fire and Emergency Services: (360) 778-8400



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