



INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT 602(o) ANTI-TRESPASSING PROGRAM

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The Inglewood Police Department's 602(o) Anti-Trespassing Program is coordinated by the Patrol Bureau. Under this program, IPD acts at the request of the owner of residential property to enforce Section 602(o) of the Penal Code, which states:

(o) Refusing or failing to leave land, real property, or structures belonging to or lawfully occupied by another and not open to the general public, upon being requested to leave by (1) a peace officer at the request of the owner, the owner's agent, or the person in lawful possession, and upon being informed by the peace officer that he or she is acting at the request of the owner, the owner's agent, or the person in lawful possession, or (2) the owner, the owner's agent, or the person in lawful possession. The owner, the owner's agent, or the person in lawful possession shall make a separate request to the peace officer on each occasion when the peace officer's assistance in dealing with a trespass is requested. However, a single request for a peace officer's assistance may be made to cover a limited period of time not to exceed 30 days and identified by specific dates, during which there is a fire hazard or the owner, owner's agent, or person in lawful possession is absent from the premises or property. In addition, a single request for a peace officer's assistance may be made for a period not to exceed 12 months when the premises or property is closed to the public and posted as being closed. The requestor shall inform the law enforcement agency to which the request was made when the assistance is no longer desired, before the period not exceeding 12 months expires. The request for assistance shall expire upon transfer of ownership of the property or upon a change in the person in lawful possession. However, this subdivision does not apply to persons engaged in lawful labor union activities which are permitted to be carried out on the property by the Alatorre-Zenovich-Dunlap-Berman Agricultural Labor Relations Act of 1975 (Part 3.5 (commencing with Section 1140) of Division 2 of the Labor Code) or by the federal National Labor Relations Act. For purposes of this section, land, real property, or structures owned or operated by any housing authority for tenants, as defined in Section 34213.5 of the Health and Safety Code, constitutes property not open to the general public; however, this subdivision shall not apply to persons on the premises who are engaging in activities protected by the California or United States Constitution, or to persons who are on the premises at the request of a resident or management and who are not loitering or otherwise suspected of violating or actually violating any law or ordinance.

In order to participate in the Program, your property must adhere to the following guidelines:

1. Complete the attached 602(o) Anti-Trespassing Program Authorization Form. The Form must be signed by the owner, owner's agent, or person in lawful possession authorizing Inglewood Police Officers to (i) inform any person present on the property without lawful business that the Officer is acting on behalf of the owner, owner's agent, or person in lawful possession, (ii) request that any person without lawful business leave the property; and (iii) arrest and remove any person without lawful business who refused or fails to leave thereafter.
2. Your property must be closed to the general public and signs must be posted stating the property is closed to the general public and prohibiting trespassing.
3. A single request on a Form is valid for a maximum period of (12) months, unless an end date less than twelve (12) months is specified on the Form. It is your responsibility to submit a new Form when the period specified in the Form expires or at the end of the twelve (12) month period.
4. If there is a change of ownership or a change in the person in lawful possession of the property, the Form shall expire by operation of law and the new owner, new owner's agent, or new person in lawful possession must submit a new Form.

5. You may be required to appear in court as a witness if a person is arrested on your property for trespassing.

The 602(o) Anti-Trespassing Program Coordinator will regularly provide to patrol officers and other appropriate personnel a listing of properties whose authorization is current. Check the date of your list in the lower left corner to ensure that your list is recent.

This program may be used in locations in which groups are creating a disturbance or possibly gambling or engaging in drug sale or use. Note: the important exception at the end of the subsection. Anyone who legally lives on the property may invite any number of guests to visit. (Restrictions in the lease must be enforced through civil procedures). We can enforce any visible violations of state law or local ordinance, but congregating would not constitute trespass.

The 602(o) Anti-Trespassing Program Coordinator will follow up with the owner, owner's agent, or person in lawful possession approximately every thirty (30) days, to receive a status update, as to any trespassing issues at the property.

Any questions regarding implementing the 602(o) program should be directed to the Information Desk or Sergeant Espinoza at 310-412-5210.

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