



**Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office
Child Abduction Section
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If you are a resident of Los Angeles County and your child has been abducted to a foreign country, the District Attorney's Child Abduction Section may be able to assist you under The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction, also known as the Hague Convention.

The Hague Convention is a civil process that addresses international child abduction. It is a treaty between the United States and multiple signatory countries, who have agreed to cooperate in returning children to their home country, also known as country of habitual residence, for custody proceedings. It is not a criminal process.

To initiate a Hague, you will need to:

1. Show you have a legal right of custody to the child.
2. Complete and submit a Hague application to the U.S. State Department, Office of Children's Issues, along with a copy of the child's birth certificate, any custody orders, marriage or divorce certificate (if applicable), and color photos of the child and the other parent.

If you would like more information on the Hague Convention or would like assistance in completing a Hague application, please contact the Child Abduction Section at (213) 257- 2131.