



U.S. Customs and
Border Protection

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) is taking your photograph in order to verify that each person presenting a travel document for entry into the U.S. is the true bearer of that document. CBP will compare your photograph to the image(s) associated with your passport, other travel documents, or prior border inspections. If you are a U.S. citizen, CBP will retain your photograph for no more than 12 hours for continuity of operations purposes. For certain non-U.S. citizens, the photograph will be stored in a secure Department of Homeland Security IT system and used as a biometric confirmation of arrival to the United States as required by law (e.g., 8 U.S.C. § 1365b).

If you are a U.S. citizen and do not wish to have your photograph taken, please see a CBP officer to request alternative procedures for identity verification for arrival to the United States.

**For more information, please visit our website at
www.cbp.gov/biometrics.**