

ADDRESS DIRECTORY · LEXINGTON

Official Offices, Courts and Appointments in Lexington: 2026 Guide

We publish no federal immigration or social security street address. What we do publish: the hearing location's address, two conflicting detention lists, and a time zone trap that appears for the first time in this series.

SHORT ANSWER

First, a limit stated plainly: in this guide **we publish no street address for the immigration agency, the immigration enforcement unit, customs and border protection or the social security administration.** Book your appointment through **the agency's own system**; do not pay an intermediary site, official systems are free. **What we can publish:** court and hearing location addresses, detention facility information, and consulate, city, county and university addresses. And two structural facts: **Kentucky has no immigration court holding its own administrative control, only a hearing location;** and **the enforcement chain and the court chain run to two different cities.**

What we do not publish, and why

As in every guide in this series, **we do not print street addresses for federal immigration or social security offices.** Appointment systems and office locators are on the agencies' own sites; **do not pay the first "book an appointment" site that comes up in a search.** Official systems are free. When you go to an appointment, read the address **from the agency's own appointment notice**; addresses circulating online can be out of date.

If someone close to you has been detained

The official tool is called the **Online Detainee Locator System** and its address is **locator.ice.gov/odls.** **We verified the tool's name and address,** but the page itself **could not be read** in this research, so **we make no claim about what information it asks for.** You will see which fields are required when you open it.

And the first thing to do in that situation is not to use the tool, it is to reach an attorney. The tool tells you where a person is being held; it does not tell you what to do. **Reach an attorney the same day;** in this situation time is the most critical thing. On the Turkey side you can also call the consulate's **after-hours emergency line.**

Detention facilities: two official lists, not the same

Under this series' rule, when two official sources conflict we print both and take no side. That is exactly the situation here. **The first list, the immigration agency's own detention facility list, counts eight facilities:**

FACILITY	CITY	ZIP
Boone County Jail	Burlington, KY	41005
Campbell County Detention Center	Newport, KY	41071
Christian County Jail	Hopkinsville, KY	42240
Daviess County Detention Center	Owensboro, KY	42303
Grayson County Detention Center	Leitchfield, KY	42754
Hopkins County Jail	Madisonville, KY	42431
Kenton County Detention Center	Covington, KY	41017
Oldham County Detention Center	LaGrange, KY	40031

The second list - the Kentucky facilities named on the court agency's own page - counts **seven**: Boone County Detention Center, Campbell County Detention Center, Christian County Jail, Daviess County Detention Center, Hopkins County Jail, Kenton County Detention Center and Oldham County Detention Center.

- **Grayson County Detention Center** is on the first list and **does not appear at all on the second**.
- **The same facility carries a different name at the two agencies**: one says "**Boone County Jail**", the other "**Boone County Detention Center**." When you are searching for someone, **try both spellings**.
- **Let us label an inference**: all of the listed facilities appear to be **county jails or county detention centers**, and **no standalone federal facility operated solely for immigration detention in Kentucky was found in this research**. That is an inference, not an agency sentence we read.

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No facility in Fayette County appears on either list. So someone detained in Lexington is **likely to be transferred to another county**, and a visit, an attorney meeting or paperwork may mean traveling **to that county**. But we do not write that as a certainty; we did not read an agency sentence on transfer procedure. Plan your travel around that possibility.

A structural finding: two chains, two cities

- **The detention and enforcement side** falls under the federal agency's **Chicago field office**.
- **The court side** is under the administrative control of an immigration court in **Memphis**.

So "**where I ask the agency**" and "**where I ask the court**" are **not the same city**, and that is a real source of confusion when you call or send paperwork. **Your attorney knows the distinction**; know it yourself so you do not go to the wrong door.

No court, only a hearing location

The agency's own sentence: "**Effective July 30, 2021, EOIR closed the Louisville Immigration Court and established it as a hearing location under the administrative control of the Memphis Immigration Court.**"

So the state has **a single hearing location**, under the control of **a court in another state**. **If you live in Lexington your hearing is most likely heard there.**

ITEM	INFORMATION
Hearing location	EOIR - Louisville Hearing Location, 601 W. Broadway, Basement Room 3, Louisville, KY 40202 . Window hours 8:30 to 4:00
Administrative control court	Memphis Immigration Court - Brinkley Plaza, 80 Monroe Ave, Lower Level Suite G-10, Memphis, TN 38103 · 901-528-5883 . Public hours 8:00 to 4:30 , window filings 8:00 to 4:00 , weekdays, federal holidays excepted
The region it covers	In the source text, the line where the control court is named lists four states . But the heading of that line is the coverage line of a federal field unit , not labeled as "the court's jurisdiction," so we do not say "this is the court's jurisdiction"
Federal appeals	U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit , in Cincinnati, Ohio, at the Potter Stewart United States Courthouse

THE TIME ZONE TRAP: READ THIS TWICE

- The agency's own rule: **"Hearing times for the Louisville Docket are in Eastern Time unless otherwise indicated on the hearing notice."**
- **Why is it a trap? The hearing location is in Eastern Time - the same zone as Lexington - but the court it reports to is in Central Time.** When you telephone that court, or read a time on a document that came from there, the time may be **Central**, and one hour is enough to miss a hearing.
- **Kentucky itself is split between two time zones.** Lexington is **Eastern**; on a trip toward the western and southern parts of the state **the hour can change as you cross a county line**.
- **Three rules: read the time on your notice and the zone label beside it, ask "which time zone?" on the phone, and save the event in your calendar with the zone attached, with a reminder the day before.**

Where filings go

- The agency's own sentence: **"In-person filings are accepted in Louisville."** So you can hand filings in **in person** at the hearing location.
- For **mail and express delivery** the agency again gives **the address of that same hearing location**. **The administrative control may sit in another city, but the filing address is there** - do not confuse the two.
- **Even so, ask your attorney before you send anything yourself**; a motion that goes to the wrong door means lost time, and in this field lost time means a lost case.

Is the hearing in person or by video?

The agency's page does not say. The court states only that **hearings are open to the public with limited exceptions** and gives a separate link for internet access to hearings. **Read the format from the hearing notice sent to you.** The policy text in force on whether attendance is required could not be read in this research; **so we write neither "you must appear in person" nor "video is enough."** **Ask your attorney, and**

do not miss the hearing. An inference label on federal appeals: that a petition from a Board of Immigration Appeals decision would go to the Sixth Circuit is drawn from the court's own jurisdiction definition; **the court's page says "federal appeals," not "immigration."**

If you land in state court: interpreters

Immigration court is federal; but if you land in **state court** for a rental, traffic or family matter, the interpreter item works separately. The Kentucky judiciary's language access order defines **limited English proficiency** and establishes interpretation and translation so that those individuals and people who are deaf or hard of hearing **can participate fully in court services**. The administrative structure: there is a **court interpreting unit** within the administrative office of the courts, the state is divided into **seven judicial regions**, and each has a **language access liaison** who coordinates requests.

And there is an episode that shows why this item matters: after a complaint that a state judge had failed to provide interpreters to parties with limited English proficiency, the federal justice department reached **an agreement** with the Kentucky judiciary; the administrative office accepted **a twelve month monitoring period** with quarterly reporting, set up a **language services complaint system translated into twelve languages** and trained its staff. **Which twelve languages those are is not stated in the document, and whether Turkish is among them could not be verified.** **What to do:** if you receive a summons, request an interpreter **in writing** from the clerk of that court **before** the hearing, and name your language. **Do not make the request on the morning of the hearing.**

Where your status is verified, and where it is not asked

DOOR	POSITION
The licensing office	The agency's step list says "complete the SAVE verification process in the office" , and the statute says verification runs through federal systems and databases
A health application	Eligibility rules narrowed on October 1, 2026 and depend on status
School enrollment	The district's sentence: no immigration status documentation is collected as part of the enrollment process
The marriage license	The Attorney General's guide writes that there is no residency or citizenship requirement
Federally funded health centers	Status is not asked; but a sliding fee center is never free

Local law enforcement and federal agreements: Lexington is not on the list

Agreements that let local law enforcement exercise federal immigration authority are known as **287(g)**. The federal agency's own table (**the date in the agency's own file name: September 28, 2026**) counts **57 unique agencies** for Kentucky, with a model breakdown of **task force model 54, jail enforcement model 3, warrant service officer 2**. **And the measured result: Lexington-Fayette is not in that table.** Neither are the state's other large settlements.

- **First contradiction:** the press says **54 to 55** agencies for Kentucky; the agency's own table has **57 unique agencies across 59 rows** (two facilities are listed under two models each, which is why the row count is higher). **The counting method may differ; we take no side** and in this guide we go by **the count in the agency's own table**.
- **Second contradiction:** one county sheriff's office was reported in the press to have signed an agreement at the end of 2025, but **that county does not appear in the agency's table dated September 28, 2026**. **We print the agency's own table and we also record the press claim**.
- **The correct reading:** "there are 57 agencies in the state" does not mean **there is one in your city**. **The check has to be made at the settlement level**, and the measured result for Lexington is that **it is not on the list**. That is a measurement, not a guarantee, and rules change.

The doors to notify when you move

DOOR	WHY
☐ The immigration agency - 10 days	If you are subject to address reporting, file the AR-11 ; it applies even when you move within the state . If you have a pending application, ask your attorney
☐ The licensing agency	The address change; and separately, a change of status requires updating the card within 10 days
☐ The Fayette County Clerk	Vehicle registration and the vehicle tax record; voter registration is here too, but for U.S. citizens only
☐ The school district	An address update with two separate proofs of residence ; a separate request form if you moved into a different zone
☐ Three separate utility doors	Electricity and gas, water, and the city's LEXserv bill. File the sales tax exemption declaration again for the new address
☐ LEXALERTS	The system targets geographically ; you would be alerted for your old address. Update it on the day you move
☐ The postal service	Forwarding is not a notification ; telling the agencies is your responsibility
☐ The valuation office	If you own: the billing address. Not receiving the bill does not remove the obligation to pay
☐ Your landlord	If you rent, leave a written forwarding address ; where your deposit is sent depends on it
☐ Bank, employer and insurance	Your tax documents go to this address at the end of the year

And two notes specific to Lexington. The first is good news: in many guides in this series we warn you to look up which municipality your new address falls into; **in Lexington that step does not exist**, because there is no other municipality in Fayette County. **The second is what to watch:** against that, **your tax district and your school zone can change**. **Three rules for a reader with an immigration case:** note the date of each notification and keep the confirmation record; **give the same address to every agency in the same spelling** (differences in unit numbers and abbreviations create matching problems in federal verification systems);

and **secure your mail on moving day** - a date missed because a hearing notice never reached you is one of the most expensive mistakes in this field.



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