

Visible Display of Identification

1050.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for all California Department of Insurance Detectives on the display of departmental and individual identifying information when performing enforcement duties and to define the limited circumstances in which visible identification may be exempted, as required by California Government Code § 7288.

This policy also serves as a declaration that the California Department of Insurance is committed to transparency, accountability, and public trust.

1050.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Enforcement duties - Active and planned operations involving the arrest or detention of an individual, or deployment for crowd control purposes.

Visibly display identification - Identification worn externally on the uniform in a size and location such as to be reasonably visible to a member of the public with whom the Detective interacts.

1050.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Enforcement Branch within the California Department of Insurance that all Detectives visibly display identification when performing enforcement duties except in circumstances set forth in this policy.

1050.3 VISIBLE DISPLAY OF IDENTIFICATION

Whenever performing enforcement duties, as defined above, every Detective shall visibly display identification, including the name of the Department and either the Detective's name or badge number, or both name and badge number.

This requirement shall not apply under the following conditions:

- (a) When Detectives are engaged in active undercover operations or investigative activities.
- (b) When Detectives are wearing personal protective equipment that prevents display.
- (c) When exigent circumstances exist involving an imminent danger to persons or property, the escape of a perpetrator, or the destruction of evidence, including if the Detective is responding to those circumstances while off-duty.
- (d) When there is a specific, articulable, and particularized reason to believe that identification would pose a significant danger to the physical safety of the Detective.

For further information, see the Enforcement and Civilian Attire Regulations Policy.

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1050.4 POSTING OF POLICY

The Deputy Commissioner or the authorized designee shall make this policy publicly available on the Enforcement Branch website.

A written challenge regarding this policy shall be forwarded to the Deputy Commissioner or the authorized designee, who shall then have 90 days to address or correct any alleged deficiencies. Court proceedings may not be initiated by the challenging party until this 90-day period has been completed.