The principles of fairness, equality, and due process are part of the fabric of what DHS does every day.

In a typical day, DHS employees screen more than 2,000,000 passengers, identify 1,607 individuals with suspected national security concerns, and block 530 cyber intrusions. Employees also grant more than 2,100 people permanent residence, asylum, and refugee status and provide intelligence to state and local law enforcement protecting special events, houses of worship, schools, and public spaces.

The Security, Intelligence, and Information Policy (SIIP) Section provides guidance and oversight designed to preserve civil rights and civil liberties in the execution of these and other homeland security activities.

2019 Accomplishments

*National Vetting Center (NVC)*
- Helped the NVC integrate civil rights and civil liberties protections into its architecture, technologies, and vetting procedures.
- Co-chaired the Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Working Group of the National Vetting Governance Board.

Information Sharing
- Participated in the DHS Data Access Review Council (DARC) process to draft and negotiate appropriate safeguards in seven bulk data sharing agreements with federal partners.
- Incorporated civil rights and civil liberties equities into the framework establishing the responsibilities of the new DHS Chief Data Officer.

Intelligence Product Review
- Completed policy compliance reviews of hundreds of DHS intelligence products intended for dissemination to homeland security partners.
- Began one-on-one mentoring of departmental intelligence personnel who completed advanced civil liberties training.
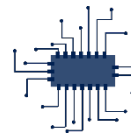
Artificial Intelligence
Developing governance best practices for the next frontier in data analysis and use.

Biometrics
Ensuring equal access and addressing potential bias for effective multimodal operations.

Cybersecurity
Fostering a secure and resilient cyberspace that protects civil liberties by design.

Data about People
Safeguarding sensitive information to enable the appropriate sharing of data needed for the DHS mission.

Emerging Technology
Integrating safeguards in technologies to improve operations and security.

Intelligence
Ensuring intelligence programs adhere to civil liberties principles that complement analytic standards.

Screening
Preserving individual rights while advancing risk-based screening.

Watchlisting
Supporting counterterrorism and national security missions with protections for individual rights.

With honor and integrity, we will safeguard the American people, our homeland, and our values.