



Surprise Immigration Site Visit

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Immigration Officers Role

- The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) created the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate (FDNS). Their primary mission is to determine whether individuals or organizations filing for immigration benefits pose a threat to national security, public safety, or the integrity of the nation's legal immigration system
- The appointed immigration officer of the FDNS purpose is to screen foreigners. The Immigration officers do this by conducting basic immigration enforcement checks and to prevent illegal applicants in the country.



SURPRISE!!



What do you do ???

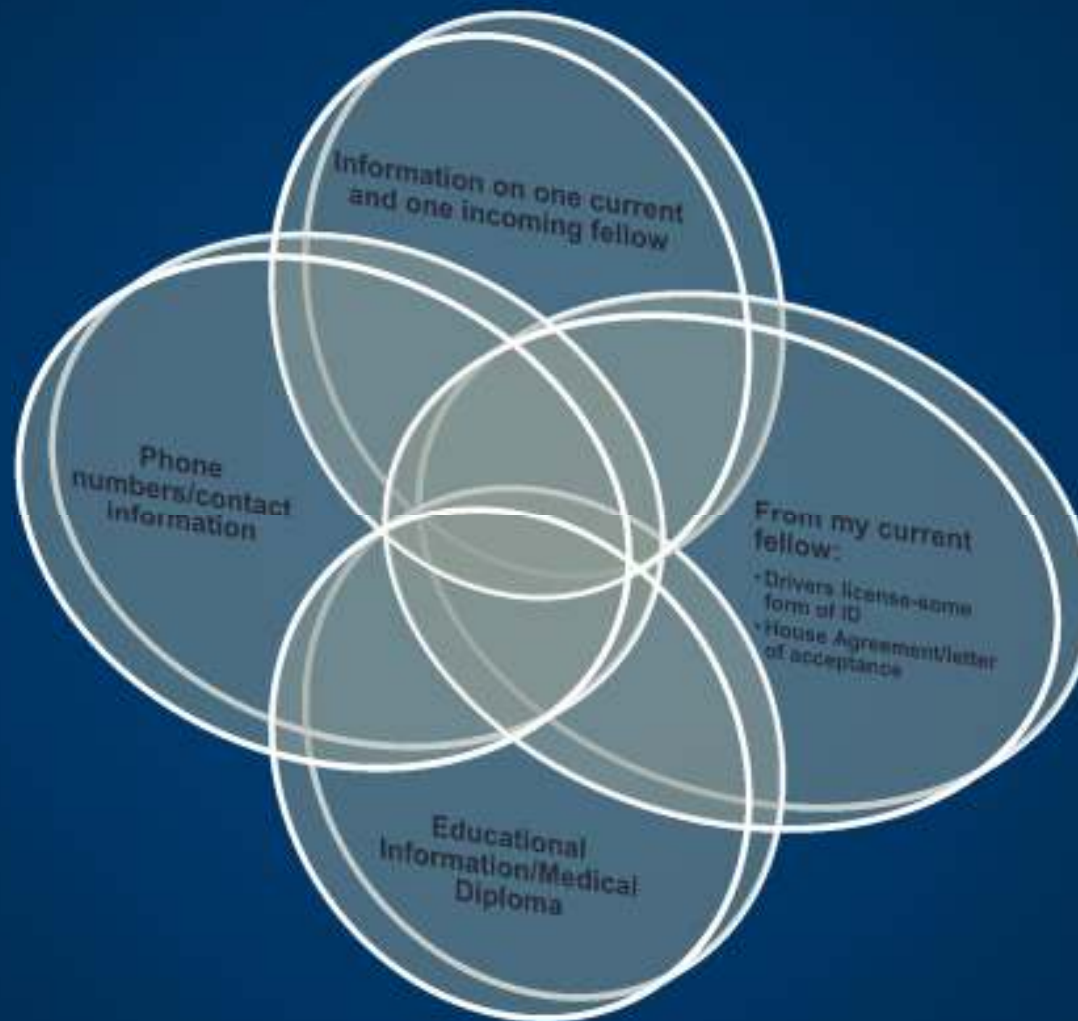


When approached what should your first step be?

- Immediately ask for identification
- A second form of ID is recommended
- Contact DIO – for protocol

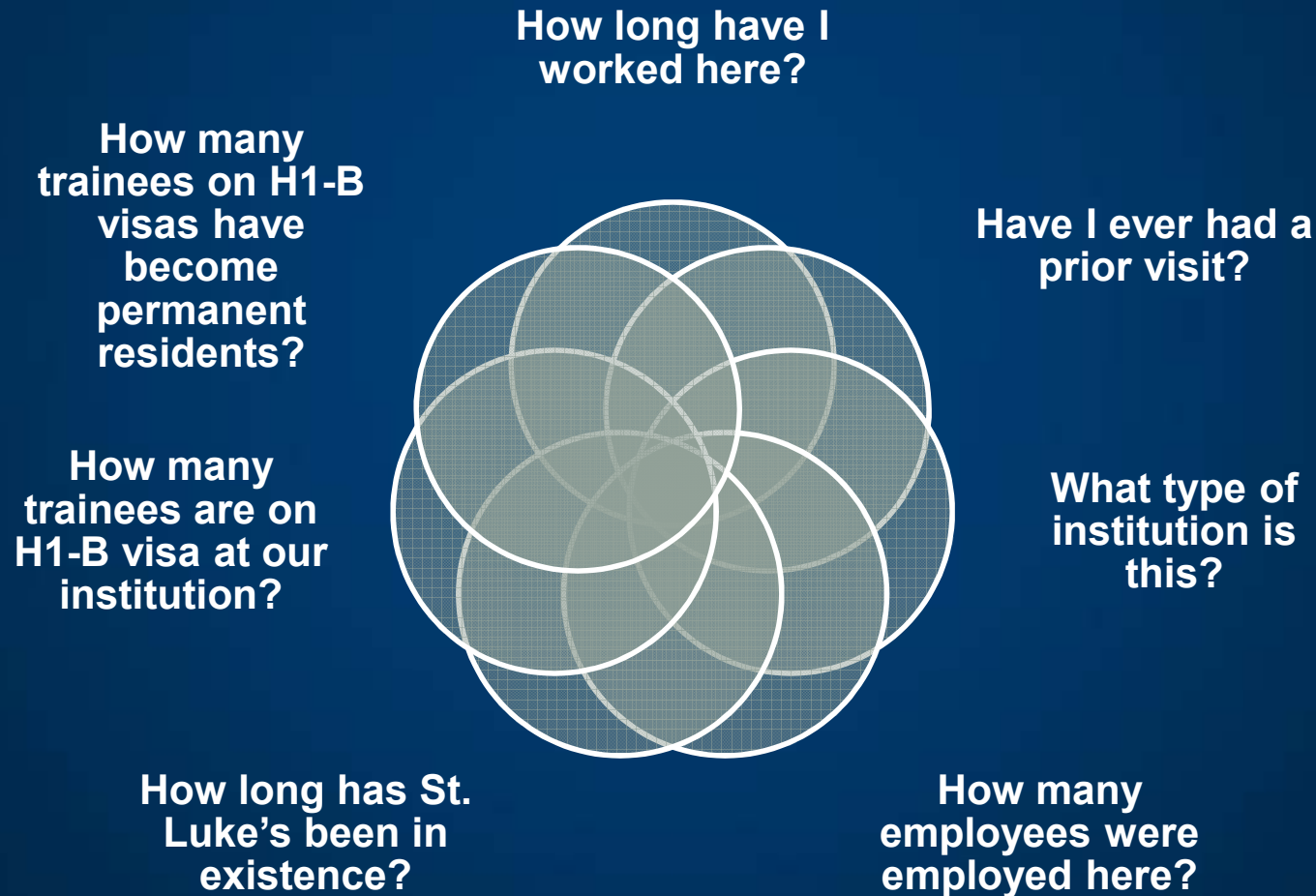


Items Immigration Officer requested





Institutional Information requested





Documents Requested from the Fellow

- Research Projects and Goals
- W2s
- 3 pay stubs

What documents were requested from the Program Coordinator?

- Organizational Chart
- Performance Evaluation
- CV
- Duty Description – curriculum



Questions asked of the Fellow

- Did the hospital have him pay the visa fee, either in whole or in installments?
- Did he know the cost of obtaining the visa?
- Have we asked our fellow to work overtime? And if so did he get paid?
- He was asked to describe a research project that he was currently working on.

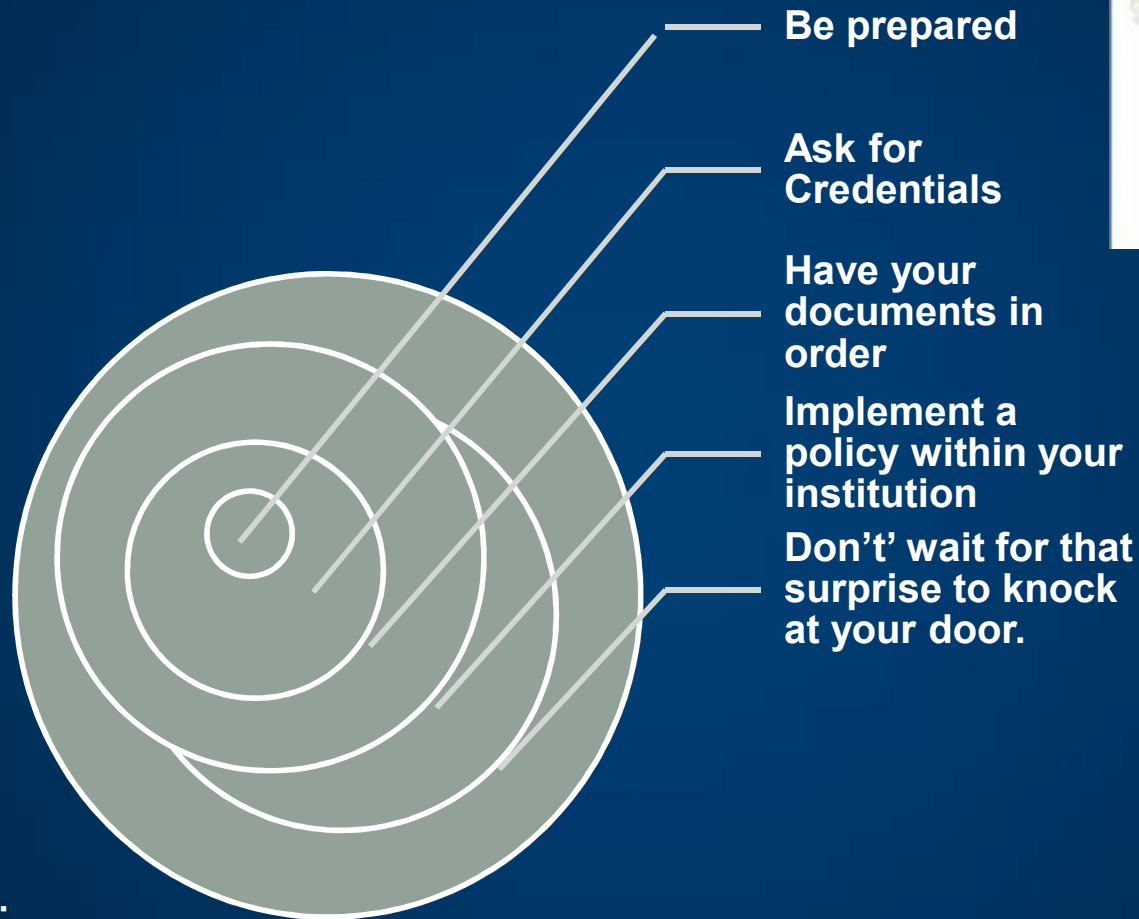


Changes implemented since our site visit

- All files have been reviewed institutionally for compliance
- Centralized processing has been put in place
- Internal meeting was held for the Program Coordinators to discuss the process
- An Institutional point person for any concerns or questions



Summary



Resources:

<https://www.uscis.gov/>

<https://www.ice.gov/>

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