

# What to do if You Find Eagle Remains in \*Indian Country

*(Your Tribe may be able to keep the eagle)*

1. First, the eagle must be reported to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), contact information is listed below. It may be advisable for you to contact your tribal law enforcement office as well.
2. Reporting is important for eagle conservation because it contributes key information about the causes and extent of eagle mortality.
3. Do not touch the dead eagle; there may be contaminants or disease present.
4. The eagle must not be collected or possessed until specific authorization (verbal or written) is received from an OLE special agent. Collection of a dead eagle without authorization is a violation of federal law.
5. Deceased eagles found in Indian Country may be eligible for transfer to that Tribe after law enforcement or scientific research requirements are met. The eagle(s) must be properly reported to the OLE and a permit must be obtained by the Tribe. Eagles that were killed intentionally, and/or eagles that are suspected of posing a human health and safety risk (i.e., poisoned) will not be transferred to the Tribe.

## Contact Information:

*Headquarters and Regional Office of Law Enforcement*  
<https://www.fws.gov/le/regional-law-enforcement-offices.html>

*Regional Migratory Bird Permit Offices*  
<https://www.fws.gov/birds/about-us/about-us-regional-offices.php>

*Native American Liaisons*  
<https://www.fws.gov/nativeamerican/contact.html>

\*Indian Country, as defined under 18 U.S.C. 1151



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