



UNITED STATES POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE

SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

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WARNING:

Persons who fail to remove their tent or other items used for camping on US Postal Service property will be subject to arrest.

39 Code of Federal Regulations §232.1(h)(5) states: "no tables, chairs ... or ... structures ... of any type may be placed ... on postal walkways, steps, ... or landscaped areas ... or other exterior spaces" of a US Post Office.

Penal Code §647(e) provides a person cannot "lodge" on "public" property without permission.

Penal Code §602(m) prohibits "occupying real property" of "any kind" without the consent of the owner or the owner's agent.

The US Postal Service (USPS) is the owner of the Berkeley Main Post Office (BMPO) 2000 Allston Way in Berkeley. The BMPO includes the landscaped areas, the front steps, and the part of the sidewalk directly west of the steps. No one has permission to lodge on, occupy, or place chairs, tables, or tents on the BMPO property. The USPS has requested the City of Berkeley to remove persons who are camping and occupying the BMPO property.

Starting August 23, 2013, anyone found camping on the BMPO property will be subject to arrest if they fail to remove their tent and other items being used for camping on the BMPO property location.