



## United States Secret Service

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Recently, **Former [US President Donald Trump](#)**, the 2024 Republican candidate, was shot at during an election rally. The shooter was killed by the Secret Service.

### **United States Secret Service:**

- The United States Secret Service was **founded in 1865**. It is mandated to protect the [Vice President](#), the President-elect, their immediate families, **former Presidents and their spouses** (except when the spouse remarries) and children of former Presidents until age 16.
- **Originally focused on combating US currency counterfeiting, in 1902**, the Secret Service assumed full-time **responsibility** for the **safety of the US President** after the 1901 assassination of President William McKinley.
  - Before McKinley, Presidents Abraham Lincoln and James A Garfield were assassinated in 1865 and 1881.
- After **President Robert Kennedy's assassination** in 1968, election candidates fell under the agency's jurisdiction.
  - Robert Kennedy was running for the **1968 presidential election**.
  - Kennedy was **shot and killed** in Los Angeles on 5th June 1968, **less than five years after his brother, [President John F Kennedy](#)**, was assassinated.

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