



Know Your Rights

If you have to deal with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers at home, on the street, or elsewhere, remember that you have the rights described in this document. This document provides recommendations about how to enforce your rights. The content included in this document is legal information, not legal advice. Talk to an immigration lawyer about your situation/case.

You have the right to remain silent. You may refuse to speak with an immigration officer.

- Do not answer any questions. You can also say that you want to remain silent and contact an attorney.

Carry a card with information similar to the one included on this sheet with you and show it if an immigration officer stops you. (see red rectangle below)

- The information enclosed below explains that you will remain quiet and that you want to talk to a lawyer.

Do not open the door.

- In order to enter your home, ICE must have a search warrant signed by a judge. Do not open the door unless the ICE agent shows you the warrant (they almost never have one). If an ICE agent wants to show you a warrant, they can do so by putting it against a window or by going under the door. (You can also ask the immigration agent to show you their official identification in the same way.) To be valid, the court order must have your correct name and address and has to be signed by a judge.
- You do not have to open the door to speak with an immigration agent/officer. If you open the door, it's much harder not to answer any questions.

✓ **To: Immigration or Other Officer**, right now I am choosing to exercise my legal rights.

- I will remain silent, and I refuse to answer your questions.
- If I am detained, I have the right to contact my attorney **immediately**.
- I refuse to sign anything without advice from an attorney. **Thank You!**

✓ **Al funcionario de inmigración u otro tipo de funcionario:** en este momento elijo ejercer mis derechos legales.

- Permaneceré en **silencio**, y me niego a responder a sus preguntas.
- Si me detienen, tendré el derecho de comunicarme con un abogado **inmediatamente**.
- Me niego a firmar nada sin haber consultado con un abogado. **Gracias!**

You have the right to consult with an attorney.

- You can simply say, "I need to talk to my lawyer."
- Your attorney may be present if ICE or other law enforcement ask you questions.

Before signing any documents, consult with an attorney.

- ICE agents may try to get you to sign documents waiving your right to see an attorney or to appear before an immigration judge. Make sure you understand exactly what any document says *before* you sign it.

Always carry with you any valid immigration documents you have.

- For example, if you have a valid work permit or a green card, be sure to bring it with you in case you need to show it as identification.
- Do not carry documents from another country, such as a foreign passport, with you. Those documents could be used against you in deportation proceedings.

If you have children and are afraid that ICE will arrest you, tell the ICE officer that you have children.

- If you are the parent or primary caregiver of a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who is under 18 years of age, ICE may exercise discretion and not arrest you.

Given that several anti-immigrant situations we are facing, ICE and other law enforcement officials may think they can violate your rights without consequences. Sometimes, ICE officers lie to people to get them to open the door or to sign documents waiving their rights. If you are detained by ICE or if you are afraid that they will raid your area, here's what you can do to protect yourself and prepare:

Create a safety plan.

- Memorize the phone # of (friend/family member/attorney) you can call if you are arrested.
- If you have or care for children or others, plan for someone to take care of them if you are detained. Prepare a plan <https://www.ilrc.org/resources/step-step-family-preparedness-plan#español>
- Keep important documents such as birth certificates and immigration documents in a safe place where a friend or family member can find them if necessary.
- Make sure your family members know how to locate you if you are detained by ICE. They can use the ICE search engine on the <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search> website to find adults in immigration custody. They can also call your local ICE office (look for the phone number here: <https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero>). In Los Angeles call (213) 830-7911 / Adelanto Detention Center Call (750) 561-6100. When you call, have your family member A registration number (A-number) if you have one. You can call the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) number 240-314-1500 or 1-800-898-7180 (toll-free) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to get info about the status of your immigration case.

Report and document raids and arrests – take note and video, include as many details as possible.

- If possible and safe for you, take photos and video of the raid or arrest. Also take notes of what happened. Call the United We Dream hotline to report the raid: 1-844-363-1423. Text 877877, or text "Know Your Power" to 787-57

Get legal help.

- You can find organizations that provide low-cost legal help in www.immigrationLawHelp.org. Immigration courts have a list of lawyers and organizations that provide free legal services: <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/probonofulllist/dl>
- On the webpage <https://www.immi.org/en/Info/FindLegalHelp> there is a locator where you type in your zip code and receive a list of all legal services near you.
- You can search for an immigration attorney using the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) directory, www.ailalawyer.com
- The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild also has a search tool to find a lawyer in the city where you live: <https://nipnlg.org/find-attorney-california>

Learn more about your rights.

- Read info in English/Spanish created by ACLU: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/derechos-de-los-inmigrantes> or NILC to prepare in case of a raid: <https://www.nilc.org/resources/conozca-sus-derechos-si-usted-es-arrestado-detenido-inmigracion/> or to know your rights <https://www.nilc.org/>