



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## WHEN INTERACTING WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICERS (ICE)

- **If you believe you are witnessing ICE activity**, please call ICIRR's 24-Hour Family Support Hotline at 1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY (1-855-435-7693) to report it.
- **If you find yourself interacting with an ICE officer in any location including your workplace, or out in the community, remember:**
  - You have the right to remain silent when questioned or arrested by immigration officers
  - You should remain calm and keep your hands where the officer can see them.
  - You **can** state that you wish to speak with an attorney.
  - **You are not required to**
    - Discuss your immigration or citizenship status with the police, immigration agents, or other officials
    - Sign anything you do not understand.
- **If an officer knocks on your door at home:**
  - You have the right to not open the door.
  - ICE officers must have a **warrant signed by a judge** to enter your home. ICE "warrants" are not signed by judges; they are ICE forms signed by ICE officers and they do not grant authority to enter your home without your consent
- **If you are outdoors and think you see immigration officers nearby:**
  - **You can move** to a safe indoor space
  - If you are a U.S. citizen and feel safe to do so, **you can** record the activity with your phone or write down any relevant information about what you witness—**ALWAYS** being careful to not interfere or otherwise obstruct the operation
  - **DO NOT:**
    - Post unverified information on social media
    - Interfere with the investigation or otherwise put yourself in harm's way



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**Establish a safety plan that your family can use if ICE arrests you. Key parts of a safety plan include:**

- Identify your emergency contacts and memorize their phone numbers.
- Provide your child's school or daycare with an emergency contact to pick up your child.
- Provide authorization in writing for your emergency contact to make medical and legal decisions for your child.
- Tell your loved ones that if you are detained by ICE, they can try to use ICE's online detainee locator to find you: [locator.ice.gov](https://locator.ice.gov)
- Carry your valid immigration documents. If you do not have such documents, carry copies of documents that show that you have been in the US for at least two years (if that is the case). Examples include housing, employment, or education records
- If you are detained, it is important that you seek legal representation.  
Call 1-855-435-7693 to connect with an immigration attorney.

### **Additional Resources**

**National Immigrant Justice Center's Legal Deportation Assistance**

[immigrantjustice.org](https://immigrantjustice.org)

**Organized Communities Against Deportations' Resource Guide**

[organizedcommunities.org](https://organizedcommunities.org)

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