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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: If You're Stopped by ICE in Public

Stay Calm & Know Your Rights

- You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status, citizenship, or where you were born.
- You can ask: "Am I free to go?" If the officer says yes, walk away calmly.
- You have the right to remain silent. You may say:
- "I choose to remain silent."
- "I want to speak to a lawyer."

Do Not Show False Documents

- Never provide fake documents or lie to immigration officers.
- Do not sign any papers without speaking to a lawyer first.

You Have the Right to Record

- You may record public interactions with ICE officers, as long as you do not interfere with their actions.

Request an Interpreter

- You can ask for an interpreter if you do not understand the officer.

Carry a Red Card

- Red cards explain your rights. You may hand this to the officer instead of speaking.
  - Can be downloaded and printed to carry here: https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas

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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: If ICE Comes to Your Home or Workplace

Do Not Open the Door

- ICE cannot enter your home without a judicial warrant signed by a judge.
- Ask officers to slide the warrant under the door or show it through a window.
- A deportation warrant (Form I-205) does not give ICE permission to enter.

Check the Warrant Carefully

- Make sure the warrant has your correct name and address.
- It must be signed by a judge.

You Have the Right to Remain Silent

- You may say:
- "I do not consent to a search."
- "I want to speak with a lawyer."

If You Are at Work

- ICE must have a warrant to enter non-public areas of your workplace.
- Stay calm. Do not run. Ask to speak with a lawyer.

Document the Encounter

- Note officer names, badge numbers, and the number of agents.
- If it is safe to do so, record the interaction.

Have an Emergency Plan

- Share important information and documents with someone you trust.
- Keep legal and personal documents in a secure place.

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PLAN AHEAD: If You or a Loved One Is Detained by ICE

Create a Safety Plan

- Identify a trusted emergency contact who can help with legal and family matters if you are detained.
- Share:
  - Your lawyer's contact information
  - Copies of your ID and immigration documents
  - Instructions for child care or medical needs

Memorize Important Numbers

- Learn the phone numbers of:
  - A trusted contact
  - Your immigration lawyer
  - Local immigrant support organizations

Keep Important Documents Ready

- Gather and copy:
  - Birth certificates
  - Work permits, green cards, or visas
  - Medical information for yourself and dependents

Find Legal Support in Advance

- Establish a relationship with an immigration attorney now.
- Know your A-number if you have one.

If Someone Is Detained

- Use ICE's online detainee locator:
- https://locator.ice.gov

Do Not Sign Anything Without Legal Advice

- Do not sign any documents, including voluntary departure papers, without first speaking to a lawyer.

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RESOURCES

Legal:

- Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles – Immigration
- The State Bar of California – Finding Help with Immigration
- Immigration Advocates – California Legal Directory

Nonprofits:

- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
- National Immigration Law Center – Subpoenas & Warrants (2025 PDF)
- National Immigration Law Center – Warrants vs. Subpoenas (Slides)
- California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice – CARRN
- CHIRLA – Know Your Rights Resources