



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## **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