



General Information for Undocumented Immigrants Living in the U.S.

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Background

Everyone, including undocumented immigrants, living in the U.S. has certain basic rights under the Constitution. It is important to know **and exercise** your rights should you ever encounter Immigration Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.)

Your Rights

1. You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to refuse to answer questions.
2. You have the right to refuse a search of you or your belongings without warrant or probable cause.
3. You have the right to refuse to open your door without a proper warrant.
4. You have the right to refuse to sign anything or answer any questions without an attorney present.
5. You have the right to translation and interpretation support.
6. You have the right to a phone call and a private conversation (unheard by police or ICE), if that call is to a lawyer.

Things to Keep In Mind

1. I.C.E. agents are not police officers, but their uniforms may say "Police" or "Federal Agent." They may carry guns. Sometimes, local police officers will go with I.C.E. agents on I.C.E. raids.
2. Officers can and may lie to people, so remain alert and calm throughout an encounter.
3. Enforcement cannot enter your home without a proper warrant. (An order of deportation or I-205 is NOT a proper warrant.) Ask the I.C.E. agent if they have an arrest warrant signed by a judge and to slide it under the door. Check the name, address, and that it is signed by a judge.



Dos and Don'ts

Do ✓

- Remain calm.
- Keep your hands where they can be seen at all times.
- Show your Know Your Rights card to the officer to decline answering any questions without an attorney present.
- Record the interaction for future reference if needed.
- Review any and all paperwork thoroughly. Ask for translation assistance if needed.
- Create a [Preparedness Plan](#) for you and your loved ones.
- Check the specific laws in your locality and state
- Retain an attorney who can advise you on your specific case.

Don't ✗

- Answer any questions or sign anything without an attorney present.
- Run, argue, resist, or obstruct an officer.
- Lie or provide false documents.
- Let officers search your belongings or enter your home unless they have appropriate warrants signed by a judge.