

Know Your Rights!

What to do if you are contacted by immigration enforcement (“ICE”)

You always have the right to:

- **Remain silent**
- **Speak to a lawyer**
- **Make a phone call if you are arrested**

If ICE comes to your HOME:

- You have the right to see a WARRANT if the police or immigration officers try to enter your home
- A WARRANT is a paper signed by a judge that authorizes the officer to arrest you or enter your home
- Before you open the door, ask the officer to PASS THE WARRANT UNDER THE DOOR OR SHOW IT THROUGH THE WINDOW. If you open your door, you are giving permission to the officer to enter your home
- If the person on the warrant isn't home, you don't have to open the door

If ICE comes to your WORKPLACE:

- ICE officers must have a warrant signed by a judge or the permission of the employer in order to enter your workplace. (They don't need a warrant if it is a public place.)
 - Stay calm. Do not try to run because it can be interpreted as admitting you have something to hide.

If ICE detains you in a PUBLIC PLACE:

- If an ICE officer detains you in public WITHOUT A WARRANT, the officer cannot arrest you unless they have proof that you are not a citizen
 - If you have valid immigration documents, show them
- If not, do not say anything about your immigration status or where you were born until you speak to an immigration lawyer

Prepare an Emergency Plan

Everyone can prepare to protect themselves and their families in case of emergency. Here are some tips:

- Carry a “know your rights” card to show to the ICE agent or police officer so that they know you wish to remain silent
- Carry the contact information for an immigration lawyer, pastor, or community organization who can advise you if you are arrested
- If you have children, make a plan for someone to care for them if you are arrested and carry their contact information with you. Tell the officer that you need to make arrangements for your children.
- Prepare a “power of attorney” for the person that you choose to take care of your children if you are arrested so that they can make legal decisions for your children
- If possible, carry valid U.S. identification, such as a school ID, tax ID card (ITIN), or driver’s license
- Do NOT carry any fake documents or documents from another country
- Ask a friend or relative who is a citizen or legal resident to keep copies of important documents you might need if you are arrested, such as immigration paperwork and your passport. Let family or close friends know who has these papers for you.

If you are arrested by ICE:

- Remember you have the right to remain silent, make a phone call, and speak to a lawyer
- Ask to talk to an immigration lawyer BEFORE SIGNING ANYTHING
- Stay calm and respectful, and do not try to flee

TARJETA DEL DERECHO A GUARDAR SILENCIO:

Para ejercer su derecho a guardar silencio y solicitar un abogado, presente esta tarjeta a Inmigración o a la policía si lo arrestan.

<p>¡CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS! Si Inmigración o la policía lo detiene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Pase la tarjeta al agente y guarde silencio. ✓ La tarjeta explica que usted quiere ejercer su derecho a no contestar preguntas sin consultar con un abogado 	<p>KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! If you are detained by immigration or the police:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hand the card to the official, and remain silent. ✓ The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have consulted with a lawyer.
<p>ESTIMADOS SEÑORES:</p> <p>Deseo ejercer mi derecho a guardar silencio y no contestar preguntas. Si me detienen, solicito comunicarme de inmediato con un abogado. Quisiera ejercer, además, mi derecho a no firmar nada sin consultar con mi abogado.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Gracias.</p>	<p>TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:</p> <p>Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and the right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thank you.</p>