

Know Your Rights During ICE Encounters

Your Constitutional Rights

Everyone in the United States has rights under the Constitution, regardless of immigration status.

If ICE Comes to Your Door:

- **You do not have to open the door.** ICE cannot enter your home without a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge or your permission.
- **Ask to see a warrant.** If they say they have one, ask them to slide it under the door or show it through a window.
- **Check if it's a judicial warrant.** A valid judicial warrant must be signed by a judge and have your correct name and address.
- **ICE administrative warrants (Form I-200 or I-205) do not give agents the right to enter your home.**

If ICE Stops You in Public:

- **You have the right to remain silent.** Say "I am exercising my right to remain silent."
- **You can refuse to show identity documents.** Ask "Am I free to go?" If yes, calmly walk away.
- **Do not lie or provide false documents.**
- **Do not run or resist arrest.**

If You Are Detained:

- **You have the right to speak to an attorney.** Say "I want to speak to an attorney."
- **You have the right to make a phone call.**
- **You do not have to sign anything without speaking to an attorney first.**
- **You do not have to answer questions about where you were born, your immigration status, or criminal history.**
- **You have the right to refuse to take DNA samples or participate in line-ups without a lawyer present.**

Emergency Contacts

- **Immigrants Rising:** immigrantsrising.org (<https://immigrantsrising.org>) | 18 Bartol Street #1220, San Francisco, CA 94133
- **Immigrant Defense Project:** [immigrantdefenseproject.org](https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org) (<https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org>)
- **ICE Victims Engagement Line:** 1-855-48-VOICE (1-855-488-6423)
- **CHIRLA Hotline:** (888) 624-4752
- **CARECEN Los Angeles:** (213) 385-7800

Document Important Information

Keep the following information in a safe place that family members or trusted friends can access:

- Names and contact information of family members

- Medical conditions and medications
- Emergency contacts
- Names and contact information of any attorneys
- Copies of immigration documents
- Location of birth certificates, passports, and other important documents

Make a Family Preparedness Plan

- Designate trusted adults to care for your children if you are detained
- Talk to your children about your plan
- Make sure emergency contacts have necessary documentation to pick up children from school
- Keep important documents organized and accessible to trusted family members

Remember

- Stay calm and do not resist
- Document everything that happened as soon as possible
- Report raids or arrests to local immigrant rights organizations
- Seek legal help immediately if detained

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