



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: **IMMIGRATION**

**Everyone – regardless of immigration status – has rights in the United States.**

Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) is meant to preserve American security and public safety, mainly within U.S. borders, by enforcing immigration laws. ICE is responsible for detaining, deporting, and convicting unauthorized immigrants.

## **ICE and Domestic Law Enforcement**

ICE does not generally play a role in domestic law enforcement except with immigration matters. ICE can collaborate with state and local police by delegating the authority to enforce immigration rules. This authority is being used by the Trump administration to turn local police into potential ICE agents, although many have minimal training in immigration matters.

ICE has been weaponized in local communities, conducting raids that have swept up both immigrants (whether here lawfully or not) and American citizens. As more raids are expected across the country, it's important to know your rights and protect yourself.

## **What Should I Do If Stopped By ICE?**

Similar to any other interaction with law enforcement, you have the right to remain silent. You can say, **“I’m exercising my right to remain silent.”**

Remember:

- Remain calm and do not run away
- You have the right to demand a warrant before allowing anyone into your home. That warrant must be issued by a judge in a court of law. An “administrative warrant” signed by anyone other than a judge does not give ICE authority to enter your home.
- If arrested, you have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- Do not sign anything without the advice of an attorney.
- You have the right to record any interaction with ICE as long as you are not interfering with an arrest.
- If you are a U.S. citizen, you do not have to provide your ID or proof of citizenship with the exception of driving. If driving, you are required to give your driver’s license, registration, and proof of insurance.
- If you are a U.S. citizen, you can say “I am a U.S. citizen and you do not have authority to arrest or detain me.” If they decide to arrest you anyway, you have grounds for a federal civil rights lawsuit alleging unconstitutional detention or arrest.



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- If you are a lawful immigrant over the age of 18, federal law requires that you carry your immigration documents. If you have them, you must provide them to officials. You still have the right to remain silent and not answer additional questions. Remember: "I am exercising my right to remain silent." If an ICE officer continues to question you or becomes aggressive, you can ask, "Am I under arrest?"
- If you are an immigrant without in the U.S. illegally documentation, do not run, do not lie, and do not provide a false name or false information. You have the right to remain silent.
- If confronted remain calm and respectful. Study your rights and know them so you are able to protect yourself. The time to fight is not on the street. Your job is to stay safe and help others to stay safe as well.