

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IF ICE STOPS YOU IN PUBLIC

All people living in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, have certain U.S. Constitutional rights. If Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents or law enforcement stop you on the street or in a public place, know that you have the following rights:

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

You do not need to speak to the immigration officers or answer any questions.

- You may ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says no, you may exercise your right to remain silent.
- If you are asked where you were born or how you entered the United States, you may refuse to answer or remain silent.
- If you choose to remain silent, say so out loud.
- You may show a “Know-Your-Rights” card to the officer that explains that you will remain silent and wish to speak to an attorney.
- You may refuse to show identity documents that say what country you are from.
- Do not show any false documents and do not lie.

YOU MAY REFUSE A SEARCH

- If you are stopped for questioning but are not arrested, you do not have to consent to a search of yourself or your belongings.
- An officer may “pat down” your clothes if they suspect you have a weapon.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO A LAWYER

- If you are detained or taken into custody, you have the right to immediately contact a lawyer.
- Even if you do not have a lawyer, you may tell the immigration officers that you want to speak to a lawyer.
- If you do not remember the phone number for your lawyer, you have the right to call your family and inform them that you have been detained and need them to contact your lawyer.
- If you have a lawyer, you have the right to talk to them. If you have a signed DHS Form G-28, which shows you have a lawyer, give it to an officer.

- If you do not have a lawyer, ask an immigration officer for a list of pro bono lawyers.
- You also have the right to contact your consulate. The consulate may be able to assist you in locating a lawyer.
- You can refuse to sign any/all paperwork until you have had the opportunity to speak to a lawyer.
- If you choose to sign something without speaking to a lawyer, be sure you understand exactly what the document says and means before you sign it.

**DOCUMENTS YOU SHOULD AND SHOULD NOT CARRY WITH YOU,
IF UNDOCUMENTED:**

If you are undocumented, carry the following documents with you:

- Valid work permit, if you have one
- Red “Know Your Rights Card”
- Telephone number of someone who can effectuate your emergency preparedness plan and contact your family and immigration attorney

If you are undocumented, do not carry the following documents:

- Any documentation about your country of origin, such as a passport
- Any false identity documents or false immigration documents

SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT VEHICLES:

ICE agents cannot pull you over and stop you without a judicially signed search warrant. If law enforcement stops you while driving, you must pull over and show them your driver’s license.

If you are stopped by ICE, you should not show an ICE agent any identity documents or get out of your car, if they do not have a judicially signed warrant. Your vehicle is your private space, and you can decline a search of your vehicle by ICE agents.

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