

Rights in a Raid

- **You have the right to ask if you are being arrested or detained.**

If the answer is "no," then ask if you can leave. If they say you can, then leave calmly. If they say you are being arrested or detained, **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!**


- **If you have valid documents, show them. ALWAYS have them on your person.**
- **If you do not have valid documents, do not answer any questions.**

Do NOT show false documents. Only say, "I need to speak with my attorney." Do not say anything about where you were born or how you entered the U.S.

- **Most importantly, DO NOT GIVE FALSE DOCUMENTS and DO NOT LIE!**

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Know Your Rights

An Overview of Immigrant Civil Rights in the United States



If ICE comes to your house:

- **If ICE wants to enter, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.**

Clarify who is at the door. Sometimes ICE claims to be "police." For this reason, ask them to be very specific about who they are.

- **If it is ICE, they cannot enter for any reason unless you open the door or give them permission to enter.**
- **If it is the police, they need to have a search warrant to enter your home.**

A warrant is a paper signed by a judge that authorizes an officer to enter your home. If they only have an arrest warrant but do not also have a search warrant, they cannot enter your home.

If ICE comes to your work:

- **To enter your workplace, an officer has to have a signed search warrant OR permission from the employer.**

- **Stay calm.**

Do not flee. Officers may read your attempt to flee or your panic as an indication that you have something to hide.

If you're detained in a public place:

- **If you're detained on the street:**

The officer must have the appropriate warrant. Ask to see it. OR they must have probable cause that you are not in the country legally.

- **REMEMBER:**

You have the right to remain silent. Do not say anything about your immigration status or where you were born. If you have valid immigration documents, show them.

What you can do right now to prepare:

Speak with an immigration attorney.

Be aware of scams and fraud: if someone is asking for thousands of dollars or cannot prove that they are an attorney, it might be a scam.

Translate important documents.

Put important documents such as birth / marriage certificates and foreign licenses in one folder in a safe place. Compile emergency information, ID documents, and name(s) of attorneys in the same secure location.

Create a plan with your family.

Obtain a Power of Attorney letter to designate someone who can take care of your minor children in case of emergency.