



Know Your Immigration Rights: How to Keep You and Your Loved Ones Safe



If ICE is at your door, what do you do?

01 Do not open the door for ICE or any police officer without a signed warrant.

02 You do not need to open the door unless an ICE agent can show you a warrant signed by a judge with your specific and correct name and address.

03 If ICE knocks on your door, ask them to slide the search warrant under the door or show it through a window.

04 Make sure the warrant is signed by a judge and has your address on it.

05 If ICE or the police do not have this, then you do not have to open the door. Once you open the door, you lose certain rights.

If ICE stops you in public:

You have the right to remain silent

You may refuse to speak to immigration officers. Don't answer any questions. You may also say that you want to remain silent.

You have the right to speak to a lawyer

You may have your lawyer with you if ICE or other law enforcement questions you. You do not have to speak to ICE without a lawyer. Here is a link to find an attorney in the Virgin Islands: <https://www.usvbar.org/search/newsearch.asp>

Carry your valid status documents

Do not carry papers from another country with you, such as a foreign passport. Such papers could be used against you in the deportation process.

Report and document raids and arrests

Document and record the date, time, and location of the incident. Be as specific as possible. Record the encounter or raid details, including officer names or numbers to share with an attorney and advocacy organizations.

Before you sign anything, talk to a lawyer

ICE may try to get you to sign away your right to see a lawyer or a judge. Be sure you understand what a document actually says before signing it.

Carry a Know-Your-Rights Card

Show this card if an immigration officer stops you. The card explains that you will remain silent and that you wish to speak with an attorney. English and Spanish versions are available here: <https://www.cliniclegal.org/sites/default/files/2019-11/KYR%20English.pdf>.

Let ICE know if you have children

If you are worried ICE will arrest you, let the officer know if you have children. If you are the parent or primary caregiver of a U.S. citizen or permanent resident who is under age 18, ICE may "exercise discretion" and let you go.