

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: IMMIGRATION

IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE IS AT RISK OF DEPORTATION, HAVE A PLAN!



## WHAT HAPPENS IF I GET STOPPED ON THE STREET BY IMMIGRATION AGENTS?

- **Do not run. Remain calm.**
- If officials ask for your name, you must tell them. **You do not have to answer any other questions.**
- You can ask if you are free to go. If the answer is yes, you may walk away calmly.
- It is best not to lie or carry false documents with you.



- An arrest warrant will name the person they are looking for but will not be signed by a judge. **If they only have an arrest warrant, you do not have to agree to let them search your home.**
- **You have the right to ask for the names and badge numbers of the officers and say you did not agree to the search.**
- **You have the right to remain silent and to ask to speak with an attorney.**

## ARE ICE AGENTS APPROACHING ANYONE THEY THINK THEY CAN DEPORT?



ICE agents typically identify their target in advance. They then search for the individual at various locations such as homes, courthouses, shelters, and workplaces. Lately, they have been increasingly making arrests on the street.

**Note:** If immigration officials take items from your home, keep a record of what they took and ask for a receipt for the items.



Ask for a Warrant

Remain Silent

Speak with an attorney

## YOUR RIGHTS

- You have the right to **remain silent** and **do not have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status** with police, immigration agents, or other officials. *Anything you tell an officer/immigration agent can later be used against you in immigration court.*
- **If you are not a U.S. citizen and an immigration agent requests your immigration papers, you must show them if you have them with you.**
- If an immigration agent asks if they can **search you, you have the right to say no.** *Agents do not have the right to search you or your belongings without your consent or probable cause.*
- **If you're over 18 and have a valid green card or work permit, carry it with you at all times.** If an immigration agent requests to see these documents you must show them. **Do not carry foreign papers like a passport. If you don't have valid documentation, tell the officer that you want to remain silent and contact your lawyer**

## WHAT ARE MY RIGHTS IF I AM BEING ARRESTED BY ICE?

- You have the right to **remain silent.** You have the right to **speak to a lawyer.**
- **DO NOT LIE.** It can only hurt you in the future.
- **Do NOT share any information** about where you were born, what your immigration status is, or your criminal record.
- You do **NOT have to give them your consular documents** or passport unless they have a warrant from a judge listing these documents.
- **Do not sign anything.**



*This training is designed to provide educational information about the rights you have under the U.S. Constitution and immigration law.*

*We are not offering legal advice, and nothing in this training is meant to support or encourage breaking the law. Our goal is to help immigrant individuals and families fully understand their rights - especially in interactions with immigration authorities and local law enforcement.*

## WHAT CAN I DO IF IMMIGRATION COMES TO MY HOME?

- **Do not open the door.**
- **Ask the official(s) if they have a warrant.** You can ask the official to pass the warrant under the door.
- **Confirm that the warrant has been signed by a judge and has your correct name and address.** Only a warrant signed by a judge allows immigration officials to enter your home.
- Remember that a **warrant of removal/deportation (Form I-205) does not allow officers to enter a home without consent.**



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\*Resources: Information provided by Immigrant Defense Project & CT Law Help\*

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**YOU CAN CARRY THIS CARD WITH YOU AND HAND IT TO THE POLICE OR IMMIGRATION. OR SLIP IT UNDER YOUR DOOR IF IMMIGRATION COMES TO YOUR HOUSE. YOU CAN ALSO COME ASK FOR A PHYSICAL CARD AT OUR MRCT OFFICES:**

**English:**



You have constitutional rights:

- **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR** if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- **DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS** from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING** without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- **GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT.** If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

*These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.*

*\*Resources: Cards provided by Immigrant Legal Resource Center\**

**IF YOU ARE UNDOCUMENTED AND NEED LEGAL ADVICE, CALL YOUR LOCAL LEGAL AID OFFICE OR CONTACT MRCT FOR A REFERRAL:**

**Hartford Area**

- **Greater Hartford Legal Aid**  
999 Asylum Ave., Hartford, CT 06105  
Phone: (860)541-5000
- **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI), Hartford Office**  
175 Main Street, 2nd Floor, Hartford, CT 06106  
Phone: (860) 692-3085
- **CT Legal Services, New Britain Office**  
16 Main Street, 2nd Floor, New Britain, CT 06051  
Phone: (860) 225-8678
- **Caritas Immigration Legal Services (Middletown)**  
292 Main Street (Riverview Center), Suite 280  
Middletown, Connecticut, 06457  
(860)358-0066

**New Haven Area**

- **New Haven Legal Assistance**  
205 Orange St, New Haven, CT 06510  
203) 946-4811
- **Building One Community**  
417 Shippan Ave., Stamford, CT 06902  
Phone: 203-674-8585

**Bridgeport Area**

- **CT Legal Services**  
1000 Lafayette Blvd Suite 950, Bridgeport, CT 06604  
(203) 336-3851
- **Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants (CIRI), Bridgeport Office**  
670 Clinton Ave., Bridgeport, CT 06605  
Phone: (203) 336-0141
- **Catholic Charities**  
1406 State Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06605  
(203) 416-1306/(203) 416-1311



- **Integrated Immigrant and Refugee Services**  
235 Nicoll Street 2nd Floor, New Haven, CT 06511  
Phone: 203-562-2095

**Private Attorneys**

- **Esperanza Law**  
251 Edwards St., New Haven, CT 06511  
Phone (203) 290-4500
- **Formica P.C.**  
195 Church Street, 11th Floor, New Haven, CT 06510  
Phone (203) 787-1946
- **Law Office of Alicia R. Kinsman**  
753 Fairfield avenue , Bridgeport,CT 06604  
203-701-6043
- **O'Neil Baker Law LLC**  
102 Oak St., Hartford, CT 06106  
(860) 272-6742



**RESOURCES / MORE INFORMATION:**

- **IMMIGRANT LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER:**  
[www.ilrc.org](http://www.ilrc.org)
- **IMMIGRANT DEFENSE PROJECT:**  
[www.immigrantdefenseproject.org](http://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org)
- **CONNECTICUT LAW HELP:**  
[www.ctlawhelp.org](http://www.ctlawhelp.org)
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