



## **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS.** *Everyone has basic rights, no matter who is president.*

### **You have rights.**

- Everyone living in the U.S., whether documented or undocumented, has basic rights under the U.S. Constitution.
- If you find you have to deal with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other law enforcement officers at home, in your car, at work, or anywhere else, remember that you have the rights described below. We are including suggestions for what you should do to assert your rights. In all cases, stay calm, be polite, do not run, and do not lie.
- Tell your family members (including children), housemates, neighbors and co-workers, regardless of their immigration status, that they also have these rights, especially the right to remain silent, if ICE or the police come to a home, neighborhood or workplace.

### **You have the right to remain silent.**

- You may refuse to speak to an ICE agent or police officer.
- Do not answer any questions, especially about your birthplace, immigration status or how you entered the United States. Say out loud **“I want to remain silent until I speak with a lawyer.”**

### **You have the right to speak to a lawyer.**

- You can simply say, **“I need to speak to my attorney.”**
- You may have your lawyer with you if ICE or other law enforcement questions you.
- 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 says before you sign it.

### **Carry a “Know-Your-Rights” card and show it if an immigration officer stops you.**

- The card (see page 4) explains that you will remain silent and that you wish to speak with an attorney.
- Cut the two cards along the dotted lines and keep them with you.

### **Do not open your door for ICE or a police officer without a signed warrant.**

- You do not have to open your door unless an ICE agent or police officer shows you a warrant signed by a judge with your correct name and address on it.
- If an ICE agent or police officer wants to show you a warrant, ask them to hold it against a window or slide it under the door. Read the warrant.
- If ICE or the police do not have a signed warrant, then do not open the door. **Once you open the door, you lose certain rights.**

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### **Always carry with you any valid immigration document you have.**

- If you have a valid work permit or green card, be sure to have it with you in case you need to show it for identification purposes.
- Do not carry papers from another country with you, such as a foreign passport, consulate ID, or an expired visa. Those papers could be used against you in the deportation process.

### **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.

**Because some elected officials have made anti-immigration statements, ICE and other law enforcement officers may think they can get away with violating your rights.** Sometimes ICE officers mislead people to get them to open their doors or sign away their rights. If ICE detains you or you are concerned that they will conduct raids in your area, this is what you can do:

### **Create a safety plan.**

- Memorize the phone number of a friend, family member, or attorney whom you can call if you are arrested.
- If you take care of children or other people, make a plan to have them taken care of if you are detained.
- Give schools the name, address, and phone number of a friend or family member who has permission to pick up your children in your absence.
- Give photocopies or electronic copies of important documents such as birth certificates and immigration documents to a friend or family member who can provide them to your attorney if necessary.
- Make sure your loved ones know how to find you if you are detained by ICE. They can use ICE's online detainee locator ([www.locatorice.gov](http://www.locatorice.gov)) to find an adult who is in immigration custody. Or they can call the local ICE office. Make sure they have your alien registration number written down, if you have one.
- Make sure your loved ones know how to check whether you have an immigration court hearing. They can visit [www.assis.eoir.justice.gov](http://www.assis.eoir.justice.gov) or call the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) hotline number at 1-800-898-7180 (toll-free) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to get information on your case's status.



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### **Report and document raids and arrests.**

- If it is possible and safe for you to do so, take photos and videos of the raid or arrest. Recording ICE or the police is legal in the U.S. provided you don't interfere with the authorities. Also take notes on what happened. See page 5.
- Call United We Dream's hotline to report a raid: 1-844-363-1423

### **What can I do if my loved one was arrested by ICE?**

If your loved one has been arrested by ICE, you can initiate the emergency plan. To learn more details on your rights with an ICE visit [www.immdefense.org/raids](http://www.immdefense.org/raids) or e-mail [KYR@immdefense.org](mailto:KYR@immdefense.org).

### **To locate your loved one.**

Look online at [www.locator.ice.gov](http://www.locator.ice.gov) or you can find a phone number for a particular facility at [www.ice.gov/detention-facilities](http://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities).

### **To find out if your loved one has an immigration court date.**

Call the Immigration Court hotline at 1-800-898-7180 or check online at [www.acis.eoir.justice.gov](http://www.acis.eoir.justice.gov).

You will need their Alien number ("case number" or "A#"), which is an 8- or 9-digit number that appears on all immigration documents. If they did not have an A# before the arrest, they will be assigned one.

In some cases, your loved one may not be eligible to see an immigration judge (for example, if they returned without permission from Immigration after being previously deported).

### **Find legal help.**

- A nonprofit organization that provide low-cost help can be found at [www.immigrationlawhelp.org](http://www.immigrationlawhelp.org).
- The immigration courts have a list of lawyers and organizations that provide free legal services: [www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers-map).
- At [www.adminrelief.org](http://www.adminrelief.org) there is a search engine into which you type a zip code and then are given a list of all the legal services near you.
- You can search for an immigration lawyer using the American Immigration Lawyers Association's online directory, [www.aialawyer.com](http://www.aialawyer.com).
- The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild also has an online find-a-lawyer tool: [www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/find.html](http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/find.html).
- Immigration attorneys must be licensed. Beware of notario fraud.

# Know Your Rights Card

## Instructions on how to use your Know Your Rights card:

1. In the event of a raid or interaction with immigration officers or the police, use this card to help you remember and exercise your rights.
2. Cut out the two copies of the card. Fold them in half.
3. Make sure to fill out both cards with the name of your attorney and your attorney's phone number.
4. Always keep both copies of the card with you. If you show immigration officers or the police this card, they make take the card and not return it. That is why it is important to always carry two copies of the card.
5. On the front of this card is a statement that you are exercising your right to remain silent. If you are interacting with immigration officers or the police, you should remember that anything you say can be used against you. It is your right to remain silent. To exercise your right to remain silent, show officers a copy of this card or read the statement out loud. You do not need to repeat the statement word-for-word but you must communicate that you are exercising your right to remain silent.
6. On the back of the card, you will find a list of your rights. Read them often. Be prepared.
7. To protect yourself, memorize the information on the card.

<p><b>I AM EXERCISING MY RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.</b></p>	<p>Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until my attorney reviews it. If I am detained, I request to contact my attorney immediately. My attorney's contact information is:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone</p>	<p><b>I AM EXERCISING MY RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.</b></p>	<p>Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until my attorney reviews it. If I am detained, I request to contact my attorney immediately. My attorney's contact information is:</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Name</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Phone</p>
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**USE these questions to document what ICE agents did when visiting your home or a loved one's home. A lawyer may be able to use this information to support an immigration case.**

### **AT THE DOOR:**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ What time of day? \_\_\_\_\_  
How many officers? \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they have guns drawn or were they touching their weapons? \_\_\_\_\_  
How did their uniforms identify them? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who did they say they were and why did they say they were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did agents speak only English, or did anyone speak to you in your native language? \_\_\_\_\_  
What did ICE say to get in the home? In what language? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they say who they were looking for? \_\_\_\_\_  
If you live in a house, were ICE agents present at windows or in the back of the house? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they use verbal/physical force (banging hard on the door, yelling threats; touching, pushing person) to enter?  
How? \_\_\_\_\_  
Who opened the door when they came in? Was the person 16 years old or younger? If so, how old? \_\_\_\_\_

### **ONCE ICE WAS INSIDE THE HOME:**

Did you verbally refuse consent to enter? I said: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to enter? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you verbally refuse consent to search? I said: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to search? \_\_\_\_\_  
When did they tell you they were from immigration (before arrest, after arrest)? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they yell at anyone? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they touch or draw weapons inside the home? If so, did they identify themselves as ICE beforehand? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they keep anyone from moving around freely? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they enter bedrooms? Did they ask for permission first? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they look in closets or drawers? Did they ask for permission first? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you tell them if there were kids in the house? What did they do? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they handcuff anyone in front of children? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did you bring up concerns like the need for childcare or medical issues? I said: \_\_\_\_\_  
How did they react? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they take pictures of documents? If so, whose? How did they get the documents? \_\_\_\_\_  
Did they take fingerprints? If so, whose? \_\_\_\_\_