



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: IF YOU ARE STOPPED DURING A TRAFFIC STOP:

- Stop immediately and turn on your emergency lights.
- Keep your hands visible to the officer as he or she approaches your car. If you are the driver, keep your hands on the wheel. Do not reach into your glove compartment or purse for your ID until asked.
- Show your license, registration, and proof of insurance. If you do not have them, do not show any false documents.
- Ask if the officer is from a police department or an immigration agency. Immigration officers sometimes refer to themselves as “police,” but they are not police officers.
- If the officer is an immigration official and you have legal immigration status, present your passport, green card, work permit, and/or other documentation of your legal immigration status.
- If you are undocumented, you have the right to remain silent and you do not have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents, or other officials. Give the officer your Know Your Rights card. (See www.holawisc.org/know-your-rights and click on the link titled Know Your Rights Card.)
- Do not answer any questions about your immigration status or your country of origin. Anything you tell an officer can be used against you in immigration court.
- If the officer asks to search your car, you have the right to refuse. You can say, “I do not consent to have my car searched.” An officer cannot search your car without your consent unless he or she has a reasonable suspicion of a crime.