

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:

WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR HOME?

Everyone in the United States, including undocumented individuals, has constitutional rights. If the police or immigration agents arrive at your home, remember that you have rights.

You do not have to open the door or let them in

You are not required to open the door or let the agents in unless they have certain types of judicial warrants.

- An ICE deportation/removal order (“ICE warrant”) is an administrative, not a judicial, order and does not allow them to enter without your consent.
- If agents say they have a search warrant or an arrest warrant signed by a judge, ask them to slide it under the door or show it through a window so you can review it.
- They might show administrative forms (I-200 and I-205). If the warrant does not have your correct name and address and is not signed by a judge, you do not have to open the door or let them in.
- If you choose to speak with the agents at any point, you may do so without opening the door.

You have the right to remain silent

- If they ask you where you were born or how you entered the U.S., you may refuse to answer or remain silent.
- If you decide to remain silent, say: “I choose to remain silent.”
- You may show a “know-your-rights” card to the officer that explains that you will remain silent and wish to speak to a lawyer.
- You can refuse to show any identification documents that indicate your country of origin.

IMPORTANT: Do not show false documents or lie.

You have the right to speak to a lawyer

If you are detained or taken into custody, you have the right to seek an attorney and receive a phone call from them.

- If you have an attorney, ask them for a G-28 Form with their signature and give it to an officer.
- If you do not have an attorney, ask an immigration officer for a list of pro bono (free) lawyers.
- You also have the right to contact your consulate, which may help you find a lawyer.
- You have the right to request a free phone call to family members or friends if you do not have enough money in your account after 10 days.

Remember: Do not sign anything without first consulting an attorney and make sure you understand any document before signing it.

Individuals have the right to hire an attorney but do not have a statutory right to a government-appointed lawyer in removal proceedings. Those who cannot afford an attorney must seek free legal services from nonprofit organizations or legal aid groups.

A good source for finding an immigration attorney is your state bar website or <https://www.aialawyer.org>.

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