

# **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS:**

## **¿WHAT TO DO IF ICE DETAINS A LOVED ONE?**

### **Ask your friend or family member for their Alien Registration Number.**

- The A-Number is a nine-digit identifier used by immigration authorities. It's also known as a USCIS Number.
- ICE usually assigns this number at the time of an arrest.
- If the person has already completed an immigration process, they likely have this number in their documents.

### **How to find someone in detention?**

You can use this website to locate your loved one:

<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>

- Search using their A-number and country of birth, or their exact first and last name.
- If the information matches, you will receive the location and contact details of the detention center.

### **Tell them to protect their rights.**

- Advise your loved one not to sign any documents without consulting a lawyer.
- They also have the right to remain silent without one present.

### **How to communicate and visit your loved one.**

- Once you locate your loved one, contact the detention center to schedule calls, visits, or deposit money into their account.
- Each center has its own process, so check how to set up a phone account.

### **Check their immigration court information.**

Use their A-number to verify the date of their next hearing here:

<https://acis.eoir.justice.gov/en/>

### **Contact an attorney immediately.**

If your loved one has an immigration attorney, make sure you have their contact information and call them as soon as possible after the detention.

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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