



Immigration Clinic

What to Know when interacting with U.S. Customs and Immigration Enforcement (ICE)

Your Rights- In Your Home

You have the Right to:

- Not Open the Door
- Remain Silent and not answer any question
- Slide your “know your rights” card under the door
- Ask to see a court warrant by sliding it under the door or showing it through a window
- **Make sure the warrant is signed by a JUDGE**
- You can refuse to let ICE into your home without a signed warrant from a Judge
- Call a U.S. Citizen Friend or Family member to let them know what’s happening
- Call an Experienced Immigration Attorney.

Your Rights-Outside Your Home

In a car, on the street, in a public space, at work, you have the right to:

- Remain silent. This means you have the right not to answer any questions
 - o **DO NOT LIE.** It is better to say nothing than to lie
 - Ask if you are under arrest or free to leave. If you are free to leave, **ask to leave**
 - An attorney. Ask to call your lawyer
 - You can refuse to give your fingerprints
- Stay calm. Do not run or resist arrest. Keep your hands where the officer can see them.

Remaining silent does not mean that you will not be arrested, but it is your right not to give ICE any information that can be used against you.

- ICE needs information about where you are from to place you into immigration court.
- Your passport is enough evidence for ICE to prove who you are and where you are from. **If you do not have immigration status, consider where to keep any foreign identification documents including passport, driver’s license, national identification card, etc.**

How to be Prepared if Arrested by ICE

- You have the right not to give any information to ICE agents **especially what country you are from**
- If you have any **undocumented** family members, advise them *not* to visit you
- Call an immigration lawyer and if you have any criminal background make sure you talk to a lawyer with expertise in criminal matters

If You Have a Court Date in Immigration Court: **GO TO COURT**

- If you don’t go to a scheduled hearing, you will be ordered removed and a warrant will be issued for your arrest. You will not be eligible for bond.
- Being ordered deported is something that will always be connected to you, even if your court date was more than 10 years ago.
- If you don’t have a lawyer at your first court hearing you can ask for more time to find one
- In immigration court, you have the **right to have an attorney represent** you but you must find your own attorney and the attorney is **usually not free.** Ask for the legal services list of attorneys for free or low cost legal assistance.

Memorize All Important Numbers.

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