



Know Your Rights – Immigration Clinic

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I. Trump’s Executive Order – part I &II

- a. Refugee/Entrance*
- b. Enforcement*

II. Current situation

a. What to do if you are stopped by ICE or local police?

- i. You have the right to remain silent. Tell officer you are exercising your right*
- ii. You have the right to refuse consent to be searched – this includes yourself, your home, your vehicle. Ask for a Warrant. Warrant must be signed by a Judge. “pat down exceptions”*
- iii. You have the right to speak to your attorney/Ask for an attorney*
- iv. Ask officer if you are under arrest – if not, inform him/her you will be leaving.*
- v. Do not give fake documents or lie about your status – remain silent*

b. What to do if ICE visits your home?

- i. Ask if they have a warrant – have them slide it under the door.*
- ii. If there is no warrant – do not let them in.*
- iii. If you want to talk to them – step out and close the door.*

c. Airport stops – What should I do

- i. Generally – You can be stopped, searched and detained at a border entry but you can’t/shouldn’t be inspected based on your race/religion/political opinion/gender/ethnicity/national origin*
- ii. Giving passwords to your social media account, cell phone, lap top – state you do not give consent!*
- iii. US Citizens vs. Non Citizens*

III. Family planning

- a. Designate a caretaker for your children*
- b. Financial power of attorney*
- c. Emergency Contact list*

IV. What to expect if detained?

- a. Length of detention*

- b. Bond? Humanitarian Parole? Prosecutorial Discretions*
 - c. Possible Relieves from removal -*
- V. ***DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING*** – *voluntary departure or any other document without talking to your attorney. IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RETURN TO THE U.S . ONCE YOU SIGN A DEPORTATION DOCUMENT.*