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# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are stopped by immigration or the police; you can choose to:

- Hand this card to the officer, and remain silent.
- The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked with a lawyer.

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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

- Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and my right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney.  
Thank you.



**You don't have to open the door or let the officers into your home unless they have a valid search warrant signed by a judge.**

- An ICE deportation warrant is not the same as a search warrant. If this is the only document they have, they cannot legally come inside unless you verbally agree to let them in.
- If the officers say they have a search warrant signed by a judge, ask them to slide it under the door or hold it up to a window so you can see it.
- If the warrant does not have your correct name and address on it **and** is not signed by a judge you do not have to open the door or let them inside.
- If at any point you decide to speak with the officers, you do not need to open the door to do so. You can speak to them through the door or step outside and close the door.

**Don't panic and do not run away if in public place. If you are frightened and feel like you need to leave, you can calmly walk toward the exit.**

- If you are stopped, you may ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says no, do not try to exit the building.
- If you are questioned, you may tell them you want to remain silent.

**You have the right to remain silent. You do not need to speak to the immigration authorities or answer any questions.**

- If you are asked where you were born, or how you entered the United States, you may refuse to answer or remain silent.
- If you choose to remain silent, say so out loud.
- If they ask you to stand in a group according to immigration status, you don't have to move, or you can move to an area that is not designated for a particular group.
- You may show a know your rights card to an officer that explains that you will remain silent and wish to speak to a lawyer.
- You may refuse to show identity documents that say what country you are from.
- Don't show any false documents and do not lie.

**You have the right to speak to a lawyer. If you are detained or taken into custody, you have the right to immediately contact a lawyer.**

- Even if you don't have a lawyer, you may tell the immigration officers that you want to speak to one.
- If you have a lawyer, you have the right to talk to them. If you have a signed Form G-28, which shows you have a lawyer, give it to an officer.
- If you don't have a lawyer, ask an immigration officer for a list of pro bono lawyers.
- You also have the right to contact your consulate. The consulate may be able to assist you in locating a lawyer.
- You can refuse to sign any/all paperwork until you have had the opportunity to speak to a lawyer.
- If you choose to sign something without speaking to a lawyer, be sure you understand exactly what the document says and means before you sign it.