

Know the Facts!

THE FACTS YOU NEED TO KNOW SO YOU CAN PROTECT YOU AND YOUR FAMILY FROM AN IMMIGRATION RAID

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO...

- REMAIN SILENT.
- TALK TO AN ATTORNEY.
- MAKE A PHONE CALL IF YOU ARE ARRESTED.

Some people that are not United States Citizens have been detained or arrested by United States government officials .

Learn what to do to protect yourself so this does not happen to you or your family!

If You Are Questioned By A Police Officer...

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You have the right to ask the officer if you are being detained or arrested.

1. If the police officer tells you that you are not being held or arrested you may ask the officer if you may go. If the he or she says you may go, simply walk away in an orderly fashion.
2. But if the police officers say you are being detained or arrested....

You Have The Right To Remain Silent!

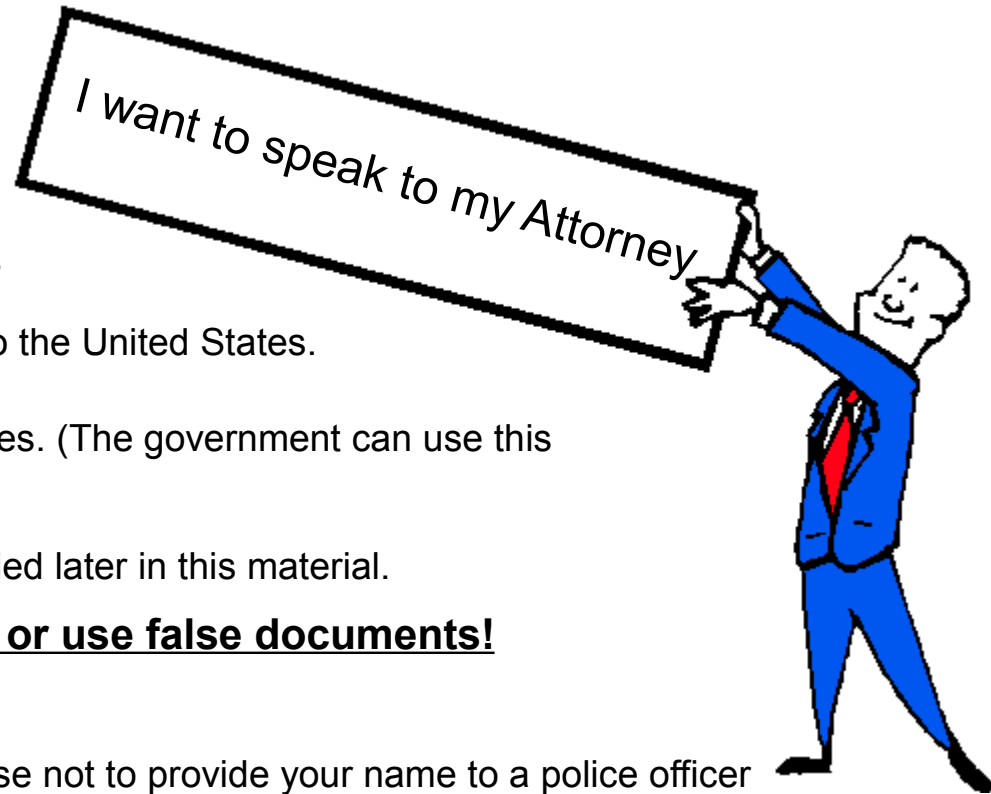
If you are an undocumented immigrant...

- ↳ Do not answer any questions and tell the officer "I want to speak to my attorney."
- ↳ Show any legal immigration papers you have to the officer.
- ↳ Do not discuss where you were born or how you came into the United States.
- ↳ Do not keep documents on your person from other countries. (The government can use this information against you for a deportation proceeding).
- ↳ Give them the **KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARD** that is supplied later in this material.

Most importantly NEVER be deceitful or use false documents!

Important Notice!

It is important to point out that in some states it is a minor offense not to provide your name to a police officer but you could still be arrested. But providing your name has it's risks as well, because it can be used to start a deportation process against you.



What Can I Do If Law Enforcement Officers Show Up At My Home

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LAW ENFORCEMENT SHOWS
UP AT MY HOME...**

You are allowed to see the warrant A warrant is just a document signed by a judge giving law enforcement officers the right to enter your home. If any law enforcement officer or agency attempts to come into your home. The warrant will give details where the officers are permitted to search.

Do not let them in until you look at the warrant. Politely request to see the warrant. If you open the door and they walk through your doorway, it can be seen as consent to enter. If they do not have a warrant but enter your home anyways get the names and badge numbers of the officers. Make it known you are “Not” consenting to a search. Also, if anyone else witnessed the incident get their name, address and phone number.

If the officers do have a warrant keep an eye on where they search and that it is only in the areas that are specified in the search warrant. Also, get a receipt of anything that the officers take as evidence.

What Can I Do If Law Enforcement Officers Show Up At My Place Of Work

Law Enforcement agents must have a signed search warrant by a judge or be given permission by the employer to be able to come on the property. If it is in a public area they do not need a search warrant.

Do not panic or flee! This can be viewed as an admission of guilt or wrong-doing.

What Can I Do If Law Enforcement Officers Stop Me In Public Or The Street

A law enforcement officer can not arrest you in public if they do not have a warrant, unless they have direct evidence that you are not an American citizen. Keep in mind you always have the right to remain silent and say no to a search. Do not give any information about your immigration status or where you were born. Once again do not keep any documents on your person about your host country or try to use bogus documentation. If you have legal immigration documentation on you, show it to the officers.

THINGS TO DO IF YOU ARE ARRESTED...

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1. **Determine the name and agency that arrested you.** Also get any other information you can, such as the officers name, license plate number, badge numbers etc.
2. **Never sign anything until you have talked with your attorney!** Never forgot one of your most important rights, your right to speak with an attorney! Do not let anyone try to scare you or bully you into signing anything, because you may be signing your rights away to appear in front of an immigration judge.

3. **Use your phone call to contact someone in your family or your attorney.** Do not forget you have the right to make a phone call if you are arrested. Make sure you contact someone who will be the mostly likely to answer. If family members are unreliable in answering calls you may want to memorize your attorneys phone number.

4. **Foreign Nationals inform your Consulate.** If you have been arrested in the United States and you are a foreign national you have the right to call your consulate or have the deportation officer contact them. The consulate may help you find an immigration attorney or also inform your family you have been arrested.

5. **Request for a Bond.** If you are in the custody of immigration ask for a bond, regardless if immigration has said you do not qualify. You will have to prove you are not a danger to society or will run. Remember to get a copy of the "Notice to Appear". This is a document that will have the charges that immigration has against you.



CONTACT AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY

If you have been arrested by a local law enforcement agency.

The law enforcement agency that has arrested you for a crime must charge you in court no later than 48 hours or let you go (this does not include holidays or weekends).

If they do move forward to press charges against you, you still must be released if:

1. the charges are dismissed,
2. you are allowed bail and you are able to post bail,
3. you are successful in winning your case and/or
4. you have served your time.

Be aware the law enforcement agency may contact immigration to get any information about your immigration status. Immigration may put a “detainer” on you which allows them 48 more hours to come and get you. If immigration does not come and get you within this time the law enforcement agency must let you go.

If the law enforcement agency does not charge you AND if immigration has not requested a detainer contact your immigration attorney to assist you in getting released from custody.

What to do if you are charged with a wrongdoing.

Contact your immigration attorney to talk about whether this will affect your immigration status if you are trying to obtain your citizenship or permanent residency card (green card).

What to do if you are in deportation proceedings.

The first thing you need to do is find a good immigration defense attorney. Next memorize your attorney's name and phone number and make sure your family knows it as well.

**What you can do
if you are charged
of wrongdoing...**



Prepare A Plan With People At Your Workplace

**Prepare a plan
of action...**

Discuss with the people you work with regardless of their immigration status if they will stand united in not answering any questions unless they speak to their attorney in the event there is a raid at the place you work.

Inform the people you work with to remain calm and do not run in the event there is a raid at the place you work.

If your company has a union, talk to your union steward to see how you can prepare for a raid.

Understand what documents you should have on your person

You should have a card with your immigration attorney's name and phone number on it along with your union steward information if you are in a union.

Also, have a card notifying any law enforcement officer you wish to remain silent until you have spoken to your attorney. See our attached card on the last page.

Prepare your family with a plan as well

In the event you get detained or arrested make preparations with other family, friends or neighbors to look after children or elderly relatives you care for. Make sure your family knows where to find these number as well and understand the plan if need be.

Also, pick a few people you trust to make decisions for you in the event you are detained or arrested. For example to pay any bills or to make bail if it is needed. You may also think about giving this person power of attorney in the event you are arrested.



Ensure Your Family Knows The Plan

Everyone should know your full name, date of your birth and where to find your immigration number and any other immigration documentation. Along with your immigration attorneys phone number.

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Ensure your family can get a hold of you in the case you are arrested or detained.

In the event your family is not able to contact you they can get a hold of the local ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) agency. Ask to speak with someone in the Detention and Removal department and talk to the supervisory officer. Have the persons full name and A-number ready. If you are unable to reach the local office you can always contact the Washington D.C. Office (202) 305-2734.

If you do not already have an immigration attorney this is the time to find a good one.

Ideally while you are preparing your action plan you should find an immigration attorney that you feel comfortable with and has a strong deportation defense background. You should memorize their phone number and your family should have this information as well.

Make copies of all your immigration documentation.

Keep copies of all your immigration documents with family and friends you trust, as well as getting all your most important documents together and put them in a secure place. Some documents you should concentrate on are: birth certificates, marriage certificates, passports as well as your attorneys contact number.



Right to Remain Silent Card

If you are arrested and want to exercise your right to remain silent and speak with an attorney just present this card to the arresting law enforcement officer.

Know Your Rights!

In case you have been detained or arrested by ICE
or a law enforcement officer:

1. Give the card to the officer and remain silent.
2. The card explains that you are exercising your
right to remain silent until you speak with your attorney.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be aware that I am invoking my right to remain silent
as well as the right to not answer any questions. I am also
invoking my right to refuse to sign anything without speaking
to my attorney first. If I am detained or arrested I am now
requesting to contact my attorney immediately.

Thank You