

How Can My Family and I be Prepared in Case of Arrest by ICE?

- Make sure all information and emergency contacts are up to date at your children's school(s) and doctor's office, including who can and cannot pick up your children
 - Make sure your children know who can and cannot pick them up from school, and who will care for them
 - If you have a restraining order against anyone, make sure to give a copy of it to the school
 - Write down instructions if your child has any medical conditions and/or takes any medications and give a copy to your child's school and the adult you designate



- Meet with your lawyer to designate and document someone you trust with Power of Attorney to make financial, legal or childcare decisions in your absence
- Make sure your children all have passports
 - You can obtain these from a consulate's office
- Talk to a friend or family member who has legal status in the United States about how to access money to pay for an immigration bond
 - Bond means that a judge will set an amount of money to pay in order to be released until you need to report to court
 - Save money in case you are granted bond. Bond usually ranges from \$7,000 - \$15,000
- You might only be able to make one phone call while detained – but memorize **all** important phone numbers.
 - When you make your phone call, make sure to tell the person:
 - Which jail you are being held in
 - Your ID#
 - Your A#
 - Your Birthdate
 - And ask them to call your attorney.
 - Family members can use the ICE detainee locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>

Find an Experienced Attorney!

AVOID SCAMS!

- If you need legal advice on immigration matters, make sure the person helping you is authorized to give legal advice
- Only an attorney or an accredited representative working for a Board of Immigration Appeals-recognized organization can give you legal advice
- **Being a “notario público” does not authorize someone to provide you with legal advice**
- If you have a criminal history, make sure your attorney has specialized knowledge and experience in the immigration consequences of crimes
- There is a lot of misinformation in the community; do not rely on rumors or false promises.

Free Immigration Consultations with Attorneys

For an asylum case or to ask about a detainee, call PAIR, 617-742-9296.

For other questions:

Boston Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement, 1 City Hall Plaza, 8th floor, Room 806, 12:00pm-2:00pm every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month, (617) 635-2980

Irish International Immigrant Center
Call (617) 542-7654 to find if there's a clinic near you



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are stopped by immigration or the police:

- ✓ 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.

To: Immigration or Other Officer

Right now I am choosing to exercise my legal rights.

- I will remain **silent**, and I refuse to answer your questions.
- If I am detained, I have the right to contact an attorney **immediately**.
- I refuse to sign anything without advice from an attorney.

Thank you.



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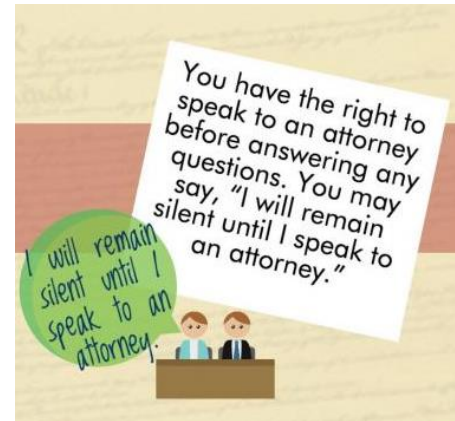
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Know Your Rights

Your Rights- In Your Home

You have the right to:

- Not open the door
- Remain silent and not answer any questions
- 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 is happening
- Call an experienced immigration attorney.



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

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
 - 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.**

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
Phone Numbers**