

## If You're Asked About Immigration Status

### (By local police enforcement)

- You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions about where you were born, whether you're a US citizen, or how you entered the country.
- If you're not a US citizen and have valid immigration papers, you should show them
- Do not lie about your citizenship status or provide fake documentation.

## If You're Stopped in Your Car

- Upon request, show driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.
- Both drivers and passengers have the right to remain silent. If you're a passenger, you can ask if you're free to leave. If yes, silently leave.
- You may refuse to if an officer or immigration agent asks to search your car. However, if they believe your car contains evidence of a crime, they can search it without your consent.

For more information visit

<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights>

## Know Your Rights with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

### (from the Immigrant Defense Project)

#### Who is at risk of being arrested by ICE?

The people the Trump Administration announced ICE will initially focus on deporting include:

- people with pending criminal cases and/or prior criminal convictions;
- people with final orders of removal;
- people who have committed fraud or misrepresentation in applications to the government;
- people they believe pose a threat to public safety or national security

#### **People with legal status and prior convictions**

#### **Be aware! You may be a target even if:**

- Your conviction is from years ago;
- You didn't serve time in jail;
- Your case was minor or a misdemeanor;
- You've been an LPR for a long time; and/or all the other members of your family are US citizens.

## Know Your Rights with ICE

#### If officers come to my home, will I know they are from ICE?

Not always! Beware: ICE agents often pretend to be police and say they want to talk to you about identity theft or an ongoing investigation.

#### Can ICE agents enter my home to arrest me?

If ICE agents do not have a warrant signed by a judge, they cannot enter the home without permission from an adult. *Opening the door when they knock does not give them permission to enter your home.*

#### So, what do I do if officers are at my door?

- Find out if they are from Department of Homeland Security or ICE.
- Try to stay calm. Be polite. Don't lie. Say "I don't want to talk to you right now."
- Politely ask to see a warrant signed by a judge and to slip it under the door. If they don't have one, decline to let them in.
- If they are looking for someone else, ask them to leave contact information. You don't have to tell them where to find the person and you should not lie.

**What can I do if ICE is inside my home to make an arrest?**

- Tell them if there are children or other vulnerable residents at home.
- Ask them to step outside unless they have a warrant signed by a judge.
- If they came inside without your permission, tell them “*I do not consent to you being in my home. Please leave.*”
- If ICE is arresting you, tell them if you have medical issues or need to arrange for childcare.

**What are my rights if I am being arrested by ICE?**

- You have the right to remain silent. You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
- **DO NOT LIE.**
- You do NOT have to share any information about where you were born, what your immigration status is, or your criminal record. Ask to speak to a lawyer.
- You do NOT have to give them your consular documents or passport unless they have a warrant from a judge. You do not have to sign anything.

For more information from the Immigrant Defense Project visit <https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/>

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**Immigration Legal Services Nonprofits**

Free or low cost immigration legal services

**Community Legal Services and Counseling Center**

1 West Street, Cambridge, MA 02139  
(617) 661-1010, <http://www.clsacc.org>

**Catholic Charities of Boston – Refugee and Immigration Services**

275 W. Broadway, South Boston, MA 02127,  
(617) 464-8100, <http://www.ccab.org/?q=ils>

**DOVE, Inc. (Domestic Violence Ended)**

P.O. Box 690267, (617) 770-4065 x120,  
[www.dovema.org](http://www.dovema.org)

**Greater Boston Legal Services – Immigration Unit**

197 Friend St, Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 603-1808, <http://www.gbbs.org>

**Harbor Communities Overcoming Violence (HarborCOV)**

P.O. Box 505754, Chelsea, MA 02150  
(617) 884-9799, <http://www.harborcov.org>

**Political Asylum/Immigration Representation Project (PAIR)**

98 North Washington Street, Suite 106,  
Boston, MA 02114, (617) 742-9296, <http://www.pairproject.org>

**Victim Rights Law Center**

115 Broad St, 3rd Floor, Boston, MA 02110  
(617) 399-6720 ext. 19,  
<http://www.victimrights.org>

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# Know Your Rights

What to know if you are asked about your Immigration Status or have an interaction with Immigration and Customs Enforcement



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