

What to Do If: You are Stopped by ICE

If ICE agents come to your home or work:

- Do not open the door UNLESS you have seen a warrant signed by a judge. Ask the ICE agent to slide the warrant under the door.
- Check the warrant to make sure it has your correct name and all information is accurate and current.
- Remind children not to open the door for anyone they do not know.
- Either you or a family member should call both your immigration lawyer and your emergency contact.
- If you are at work, ICE agents must have either a warrant signed by a judge OR permission from your employer to enter your workplace.
- ICE agents do NOT need a warrant to search public spaces

Tips:

- Do not lie or give false information. Tell the agent you wish to remain silent
- You can choose to provide your name and date of birth if you are taken into custody. This will help family members locate you if you are detained.
- Do not sign any papers you do not understand. Talk with your lawyer before signing documents.
- Do not discuss your immigration status with anyone except your lawyer
- Have your *Action Plan* prepared!

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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