

# IMMIGRANTS: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



## HOME

- Your home is your castle. You do not have to open the door unless ICE officers have a valid judicial warrant. To be clear, an administrative or immigration warrant is not sufficient. The order must say **“US District Court”** at the top and be signed by a judge.
- Ask to see the warrant. The agent can slide the warrant under the door or hold it against a window so you can see it. If it's not a judicial warrant, you may respectfully say **“I do not give you permission to enter.”**
- If they enter by force, you may say **“I do not consent to your entry.”**
- If an agent does not speak a language you understand, respectfully ask for an interpreter.

## WORK

- Just like in private residences, ICE officers need a valid judicial warrant to enter any private work area. But they may enter public areas.
- You may respectfully say: **“I cannot give you permission to enter. You must speak directly with the owner.”**
- Private areas should be marked with a sign saying “private” and ownership should communicate to all employees that only the owner may grant authorization for immigration to enter.

## DRIVING

- Even if asked, you do not need to provide a passport or other immigration papers, and only the driver needs to provide their license. If you do not have a license, you can expect to be asked for a valid ID, and you should consult with an attorney on what to do.
- Police and ICE officers cannot search your person or vehicle without a valid reason.
- At all times, keep your hands where the officer can see them.

## STREET

- ICE officers may call out your name to confirm your identity and detain you.
- Before you confirm your name, you may ask: **“Am I free to go?”** If the answer is yes, you may respectfully say: **“I don't have time to answer your questions.”** And you may walk away.
- Police may pat you down if they suspect a weapon, but they cannot search your person or your belongings without a valid reason. They also need a valid reason to stop you.

**You have the right to remain silent. Do not incriminate yourself; do not say anything that could reveal your place of birth or immigration status.**

**Do not falsely claim U.S. Citizenship or say you are Puerto Rican.**

**Do not resist. If officials enter the premises by force, remain calm.**

**Always carry or have available any valid immigration documents (or at least a copy). For example, your green card, TPS, or asylum.**

**If you can safely do so, record or document all encounters with law enforcement or immigration.**

**You have the right to speak to an attorney and to contact your consulate.**

**Have an emergency plan in case you are arrested or detained. Create a safety plan for your children (school), family (home), and employees (workplace).**

**Keep important documents (birth certificate, immigration documents, passports) in a safe place that a family member knows, but not in plain view.**



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