

# Make a plan.

Prepare yourself and your family in case you are detained.

## HOW TO PREPARE

IT IS IMPORTANT TO UNDERSTAND WHETHER YOU HAVE IMMIGRATION STATUS OR NOT. **GET A LEGAL CONSULTATION!**

- Find out your **immigration status**.
- **Get a lawyer** and carry his/her phone number with you.
- **Know your rights** in case an officer asks you questions or comes to your home.
- Memorize phone numbers of family members and emergency contacts.
- Make a plan for your children and family in case you are detained. Complete a 'Family Preparedness Plan.'

## GOOD TO KNOW

IMMIGRATION LAW IS COMPLICATED. THERE IS A LOT OF MISINFORMATION IN THE COMMUNITY.

**SPEAK WITH AN EXPERIENCED IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY WHO KNOWS THE LAW.** YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR OTHER FORMS OF RELIEF. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY, CONSULT WITH A LAWYER.

- U.S. citizens can **never** be deported.
- Immigration **status can be lost** if you commit certain crimes or violate it.
- To detain you and to start deportation proceedings against you, Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE) needs information about your **place of birth** and **country of citizenship**.
- **Do NOT** carry documents that indicate your place of birth. **Do NOT** carry around your passport.
- Having a child born in the U.S. does not give you immigration status.
- If law enforcement is asking for your permission, that means they need it!

# Assert your rights.

Invoke your rights out loud, in the language you feel the most comfortable.

## YOUR RIGHTS AT HOME

**REFUSE ENTRY AND SEARCH OF YOUR HOME.**

**REMAIN SILENT.**

**REFUSE TO GIVE INFO ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION OR CRIMINAL HISTORY.**

**NOT TO SIGN ANYTHING.**

**If ICE is at your door:**

- **DO NOT** open the door. You have the right to refuse entry. Slide your 'Know Your Rights' card under the door. You have the right to remain silent.
- You **DO NOT** have to let ICE into your home without a warrant signed by an immigration judge. ICE may use lies, tricks, and intimidation to get your permission to enter your home.
- Ask ICE to slide the warrant under the door. The warrant **must have** your name and address, and it must be signed by an immigration judge.
- Call an attorney as soon as possible. If you do not have one, get a lawyer. **DO NOT** sign anything without consulting a lawyer.

## YOUR RIGHTS OUTSIDE YOUR HOME

**REMAIN SILENT.**

**REFUSE TO GIVE INFO ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION OR CRIMINAL HISTORY.**

**NOT TO SIGN ANYTHING.**

**ASK IF YOU MAY LEAVE.**

**MAKE A PHONE CALL.**

**If you encounter ICE outside your home:**

- Stay calm. Do not run or resist arrest. Keep your hands in plain view. Do not get upset or agitated.
- Ask if you are under arrest or free to leave. If you are not under arrest, **ask to leave**.
- You **do not have to answer any questions** about your immigration or criminal history. You have the **right to remain silent**. Say, "I want to remain silent."
- Do not give a false name or false information.
- Ask to call a lawyer. You have the right to make a phone call.

# Contact a lawyer.

Speak with an accredited and experienced immigration attorney who knows the law.

## IF YOU ARE IN DEPORTATION PROCEEDINGS

- If you have a court date, **go to court!** You do not need a lawyer at your first court date.
- If you do not go to court, you will be ordered to be deported for failing to appear.
- An outstanding deportation order can make you more vulnerable to ICE.
- You may also be required to check-in with ICE during your deportation proceedings. **Go to your check-in appointments.**

## AVOID SCAMS

BE SURE THE PERSON ASSISTING YOU IS **AUTHORIZED TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE.**

A 'notario publico' is not authorized to provide legal services. Only an attorney or an accredited representative at a **Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA)** recognized organization can give you legal advice.

## BIA ACCREDITED AGENCIES IN RHODE ISLAND

### Dorcas International Institute of RI

645 Elmwood Avenue  
Providence, RI 02907  
401-784-8600

### Catholic Diocese of Providence Immigration Services

One Cathedral Square  
Providence, RI 02903  
401-421-7833

### Progreso Latino

626 Broad Street  
Central Falls, RI 02863  
401-728-5920

IN CASES OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE, AND FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME OR HUMAN TRAFFICKING:

### Sojourner House

386 Smith Street  
Providence, RI 02908  
401-861-6191

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

No matter who is president, no matter what Executive Orders are issued, **everyone living in the United States has certain basic rights under the U.S. Constitution.**

## NO INFO "I don't want to talk to you."

- You have the **right to remain silent.**
- Do not give information about your immigration or criminal history.
- Do not sign anything without a lawyer.

## NO ENTRY "I don't want you in my home."

- You have the **right to refuse entry into your home.**
- Do not open the door to ICE. ICE must have a warrant signed by an immigration judge with your specific name to enter your home.

## NO SEARCH "I don't want you to search."

- You have the **right to refuse a search of your home.**
- Slide your 'Know Your Rights' card under the door.

Immigrants with status, pending status, and who are undocumented have constitutional rights. It is important to know your rights and to **be comfortable asserting these rights** so that you can be protected.