



# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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The following is from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center. Everyone – regardless of immigration status – has rights in this country.

### 1. You have the right to remain silent.

Exercising your right to remain silent when approached by ICE can protect you from saying something that they may use to deport you. If ICE approaches you clearly state that you are choosing to remain silent. ICE will likely continue to ask you questions. Remain silent and answer none of their questions until you speak with a lawyer if you're detained, especially about your birthplace, immigration status, or how you entered the United States. ICE may use intimidation tactics to get you to speak or incriminate yourself through actions (e.g., line up according to immigration status). Continue to remain silent and do not fall for their tricks. If you are arrested, your decision to remain silent may change depending on the facts of your case (e.g., your length of time in the United States, if you have a fear of returning to your country, etc.). Speak with an attorney and make a plan to prepare for this situation.

### 2. Remain calm and do not run away.

If ICE approaches you on the street, do not run away, as this could be a reason for ICE to arrest you. Do not consent for them to search your person or property. Do not provide any foreign or false documents. If ICE questions you on the street, ask if you are free to leave. If they say you are free to leave, calmly and silently walk away. Make a plan with an attorney on how to prepare for this situation.

### 3. You have the right to demand a judicial warrant before letting ICE into your home.

You have the right under the U.S. Constitution to be protected from unreasonable searches and seizures. This means ICE cannot enter your home without a valid judicial warrant. An ICE warrant is NOT a judicial warrant. An ICE warrant does NOT give ICE the authority to enter your home and conduct a search. If ICE claims they have a warrant, do not open the door (even a little) for them to show it to you. Ask them to slip it under the door or show it through a window.

### 4. You have the right to speak with a lawyer if you are arrested.

If you are in ICE custody, do not sign anything without speaking with an attorney first as it could eliminate your right to speak with a lawyer or have a hearing in front of an immigration judge.

### 5. U.S. Citizens can play a vital role.

You have a right under the First Amendment of the Constitution to record or take photos in public view of law enforcement and ICE so long as you don't interfere with an arrest. Obtain important information about what you witnessed (names, phone numbers of any witnesses, badge numbers, etc.).

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The following affirmations were developed by the National Ministries of the United Church of Christ.

**You are part of God's beautiful creation and made in the image of God.**

*I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. -Psalm 139:14*

**You are loved as a part of this community, and you contribute to this community.**

*So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God. -Ephesians 2:17-19*

**You are not alone. God walks with you.**

*Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age. -Matthew 28:20*

**In times of darkness, you can draw comfort from God.**

*Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. -Psalm 23:4*

**In times of trouble, God will protect you and be with you every step of the way.**

*When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. -Isaiah 43:2*

**The United Church of Christ (UCC) is here for you: we see you, we support you, we value you, we love you, and God loves you.**

*Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us. -1 John 4:11-12*



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