KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Everyone, including undocumented immigrants, living in the U.S. has certain basic rights under the Constitution. If you find yourself having to deal with Immigrant and Custom Enforcement (ICE) or other law enforcement officers at home, on the street, or anywhere else, it is important to know and practice our basic rights.

- You have the right to remain silent. You may refuse to speak to immigration officers.
  - Don’t answer any questions. You can say that you want to remain silent.
  - Don’t say anything about where you were born or how you entered the U.S.
  - Do not run from Immigration Officers. Try to stay calm and remember your right to remain silent.

- Always carry with you any valid immigration document you have.
  - For example, if you have a valid work permit or green card, be sure to have it with you in case you need to show it for identification purposes.
  - Do not carry papers from another country such as a foreign passport. Such papers could be used against you in the deportation process.

- Do not open your door.
  - Verify that the warrant has your correct name and address on it.
  - If the warrant is an ICE administrative warrant (it will say form I-200 or I-205), ICE does not have the right to enter your home without your consent.
  - Carry out any conversations with the door remaining closed.

- You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
  - You can simply say, “I need to speak to my attorney.”
  - You may have your lawyer with you if ICE or other law enforcement questions you.

- Do not sign anything that ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.
  - ICE may try to get you to sign away your right to see a lawyer or a judge.
  - Do not sign anything ICE gives you without consulting.

- Remain calm and collected during an encounter with ICE.
  - Sometimes ICE officers lie to people in order to get them to open their doors or sign away their rights, so remain alert and calm throughout the encounter with ICE.
  - Be aware that sometimes ICE officers will not wear vests that say ICE. They could be wearing plain clothes.

- Create a safety plan.
  - Memorize the phone number of a friend, family member, or attorney that you can call.
  - If you take care of children or other people, make a plan to have them taken care of if you are detained.
  - Keep important documents such as birth certificates and immigration documents in a safe place where a friend or family member can access them if necessary.
  - Make sure your loved ones know how to find you if you are detained by ICE. They can use ICE’s online detainee locator to find an adult in immigration custody. Or they can call the local ICE office. Make sure they have your alien registration number written down, if you have one.
  - You can call the Executive Office for Immigration Review (EOIR) hotline at 240-314-1500 or 1-800-898-7180 (toll-free) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to get information on your case’s status.
  - Also call the HANA/NAKASEC hotline 1-844-500-3222, and we can assist with attorneys and mental health counselor.

- Report and document raids and arrests.
  - If it is possible and safe for you to do so, take photos and videos of the raid or arrest, unless you are on federal government property. Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car, and exactly what happened.
  - Call HANA Center: 773.583.5501.

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