



WARNING: Do NOT go to any immigration office or to immigration court if you are undocumented. This includes accompanying someone else to immigration court or going to immigration to ask a question. The only exception is if you are given or mailed a "Notice to Appear" or a hearing notice, ordering you to go to immigration court for a hearing. If you receive such a notice and fail to go to your hearing, you will be ordered deported.

Know Your Rights Card

Clip and save the card below. If you are questioned or detained by the police or immigration, hand the card to the official and do not say anything more.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be informed that I am choosing to exercise my right to remain silent and the right to refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney.



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Know Your Rights!

We ALL Have Rights

What Immigrants Need to Know.

THE BASICS

Rules to Follow If You Are Undocumented and Questioned by a Law Enforcement Officer (Police, FBI or Immigration) Anywhere:

- Be calm and polite. Never physically resist a government official.
- If you are asked for your name, give your name but say nothing else.
- Ask if you are free to leave. If not, ask to speak with a lawyer.
- Show the officials the Know Your Rights card.
- Do Not give government officials information about your immigration status or tell them where you were born.
- Do not lie. Never tell them that you are a U.S. Citizen if this is not true.
- Do not carry documents (such as a passport or driver's license) from another country.
- Do Not carry fake documents (including, for example, someone else's green card or social security card that you claim is your own). You can be criminally prosecuted for having false documents.

AT HOME

If Law Enforcement Comes to Your Home:



- You have a right to see a warrant if the police, immigration, or other government official tries to enter your home. An arrest warrant is for a person. A search warrant allows government officials to search certain areas of your residence.
- Do Not open the door. Ask the officers to slip the warrant under the door. You do not have to and should not consent to a search of your home, either orally or in writing.
- If the officers enter without a warrant, do Not physically resist the officers. Stay calm and tell them that you do not want them to come into your house. If possible, ask for and write down their names and badge numbers.
- If the officers have an arrest warrant, the person named in the warrant should go outside. Do Not let the officers in the house.
- If the officers have a search warrant, read which places they are allowed to search and observe if they search other places not on the warrant. Get a receipt for any property taken by the official.

Warning: If immigration officers enter your home, they will likely try to question any other people they encounter about their immigration status.

AT THE WORKPLACE

If Immigration Comes to Your Workplace:



- To enter your workplace, the officers need a warrant or the employer's permission. However, officers do not need a warrant to enter the public areas of a workplace (such as the dining area of a restaurant).

• Stay calm. Do not run. If you run or are nervous, this may be used as evidence to show you are undocumented.

• If you are questioned by the officers, tell them you do not want to answer their questions and ask if you are free to return to work.

• If you are asked for your name, give your name but say nothing else.

• If they say you are NOT free to return to work, show them the Know Your Rights Card.

IN THE CAR

If the police pull over your car:



Driver:

- Police officers will ask for your license, registration, and proof of insurance. You must give them these documents if you have them.
- If the police officers ask for your name, you must tell them your name but say nothing else.
- If the police ask you questions about your immigration status or the immigration status of your passengers, you do Not have to answer their questions. Give them the Know Your Rights Card.
- Do Not consent to a search or sign a consent to search.

Passengers:

- If the police ask you questions, you should ask if you have to answer.
- If the police say yes, you can tell them your name, but you do Not need to say anything else.
- Give them the Know Your Rights Card.

ON THE STREET

If Law Enforcement Stops You on the Street or in a Public Place:



- Ask if you are free to leave, even if the officers start asking you questions.
- If the officers say you can leave, walk away.
- If the officers say that you are NOT free to go, show them the Know Your Rights Card.
- If they ask for identity documents, tell them your name, but do not say anything else.

Note: If immigration officers stop you on the street and do not have a warrant, they may not arrest you unless they have evidence that you are a non-citizen.

Danger Areas for Undocumented Immigrants

Immigration is known to pick up people in the following locations. If you are undocumented, you should avoid going to:

- Greyhound or other Bus Stations or taking long distance buses
- Jails and Probation Offices
- Airports
- Alligator Alley
- Marinas and other Ports
- Stadiums or government buildings
- Driver's License Offices

