

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



THERE ARE PIECES OF THE CONSTITUTION THAT PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF EVERY PERSON IN THE UNITED STATES, REGARDLESS OF THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS. BUT WHAT ARE THOSE RIGHTS?

RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT



The 5th amendment holds that individuals cannot be compelled to testify against themselves. You hold the right to remain silent, because anything you say to an officer or ICE agent could later be used as testimony against you. An officer could approach you, and ask many questions about who you are, where you come from, where you were born, etc. But you have the right to say “I’m choosing to remain silent.” You do not have to answer any questions about your immigration status. Remain calm, and silent.

RIGHT TO AN ATTORNEY



If you have been charged or arrested for a crime, you have the right to request an attorney, and the government is required to provide you one. You do not have to answer any questions, sign anything, or consent to any searches until you’ve seen your lawyer. If you have been detained by ICE and are dealing with immigration court proceedings, the government does *not* have to provide you with a lawyer. *However*, you can still pay for an attorney, or ask for a list of affordable alternatives.

RIGHT TO SECURITY AT HOME



Every police officer and ICE agent needs a warrant before they enter a private residence. If an agent is at your door, you are free to keep the door closed until they have shown you a warrant. They do not have the right to enter otherwise. Additionally, ICE officers need to show a *judicial* warrant. They may try to present what is called an *administrative* warrant. When confronted, ask them to slip it under the door so you can check.