

What do I do if ICE comes to my home or my job?

Create and Prepare your Plan of Action

- **Step 1:** Plan for who will take care of your child(ren) or elderly relatives in case of an immigration emergency
 - Whether it be [legal](#), casual, or a verbal agreement, ensure that someone is able and willing to care for your child if you cannot.
 - Take note of important medications, allergies, personal information, and all other instructions that someone would need to know when taking guardianship of your child.
- **Step 2:** Gather and make copies of all immigration and identification documents
 - Make sure you place all important documents in a secure space that friends and family can easily access in the event of an emergency.
 - Examples of documents you should secure if possible: Birth certificates, Marriage licenses, passports, immigration documents, financial documents, proof of residence in the United States
- **Step 3:** Memorize at least 2 phone numbers
 - If you're detained by ICE, you will not have access to your phone. It is important to memorize the phone number of trusted loved ones and a lawyer if accessible.
- **Step 4:** Renew any forms of identification and/or apply for a form of affirmative relief
 - If you have a license, passport, proof of benefits, or pending applications that are going to expire in the next 6 months, renew everything with your most up-to-date information.
 - If you are or may be eligible for any type of relief, see a legal service provider about applying to begin the process of changing your immigration status.
- **Step 5:** Know your rights!
 - Click [here](#) to order a 'red card' that lists your Constitutional Rights and emphasizes those that are most helpful during an immigration emergency.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

- ✓ The [Constitutional Rights](#) apply to anyone and everyone physically present in the United States regardless of their immigration status and place of birth. These are important to keep in mind if you are confronted with ICE at home or your workplace.

What are my Constitutional Rights?

1. The right to always remain silent.
2. The right to not open the door to anyone without a *legal* and *valid* warrant signed by a U.S judge.
3. The right to speak with an attorney.
4. The right to not speak or sign any documents without an attorney present.

ICE is at my Door. Now What?

- ✓ Stay calm, take a breath and **remember your rights**. Show them your [red card](#) or state that you are exercising your rights.
- ✓ Keep your screen door closed or open a window to address the officers and answer **as little questions as possible**. The less they know about you, the better.
- ✓ Demand a legally binding warrant if they insist on having the right to enter your home. They can only enter your home if you open the door to them or have a **signed judicial warrant**. [Click here](#) to judicial warrant vs. an ICE warrant.

ICE is at my Place of Work. What do I do?

- ✓ Being confronted by ICE is a traumatizing event and extremely stressful. It's important to stay as calm as possible. Take a deep breath and **remember your Constitutional rights**.
- ✓ Do not try to run away as this can be used against you.
- ✓ Ask if you are being detained or are free to leave
- ✓ Say as little as possible and state you are exercising your rights. ICE will use tactics to scare or threaten you into answering questions. You do not have to say or sign anything without an attorney present.

