



City of
Evanston™

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

WHEN INTERACTING WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICERS (ICE)

IF APPROACHED BY AN ICE OFFICER AT WORK, HOME, OR IN THE COMMUNITY:

- You have the right to remain silent if questioned or arrested.
- Stay calm and keep your hands visible at all times.
- Do not discuss your immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents, or other officials.
- Never sign anything you do not understand—ask to speak with an attorney first.

IF ICE OFFICERS COME TO YOUR HOME:

- Do not open the door. Teach your family, including children, to keep the door closed.
- ICE officers must have a warrant signed by a judge to enter your home. Be aware that ICE “warrants” are often forms signed by ICE officers, not judges, and they do not grant entry without your consent.

IF YOU'RE OUTDOORS AND SPOT IMMIGRATION OFFICERS:

- Move to a safe indoor space.
- If you are a U.S. citizen and feel safe, you can record the activity or take notes about what you see. However, always remain cautious and avoid interfering with their actions.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- Do not share unverified information on social media.
- Avoid interfering with any investigations

ESTABLISH A SAFETY PLAN THAT YOUR FAMILY CAN USE IF ICE ARRESTS YOU. KEY PARTS OF A SAFETY PLAN INCLUDE:

- Memorize the phone numbers of your emergency contacts.
- Provide your child's school or daycare with an emergency contact to pick up your child.
- Provide authorization in writing for your emergency contact to make medical and legal decisions for your child.
- Tell your loved ones that if you are detained by ICE, they can try to use ICE's online detainee locator to find you: locator.ice.gov If you are detained, it is important that you seek legal representation. Call 855-435-7693 to connect with an immigration attorney.

For additional support or guidance, visit the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant & Refugee Rights at www.ICIRR.org or call their hotline anytime:



EVANSTON IS A WELCOMING CITY

The City of Evanston remains steadfast in its commitment to fostering a safe, inclusive, and welcoming community for all residents, regardless of immigration or citizenship status.



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