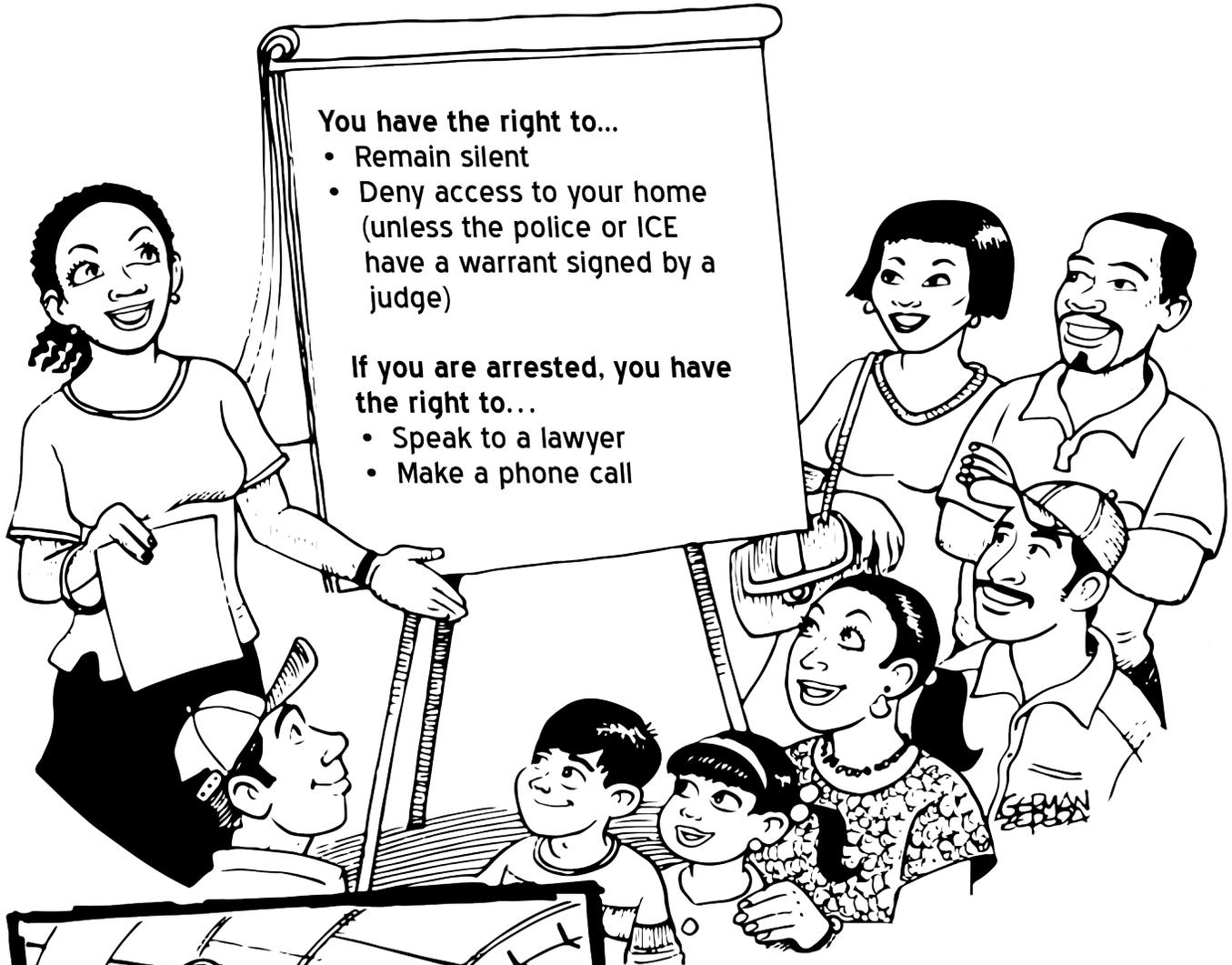


# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Protect Yourself And Your Family During Immigration Raids

CASA Raid Hotline Number: 888-214-6016

TO REPORT ANY ICE ENCOUNTERS



**You have the right to...**

- Remain silent
- Deny access to your home (unless the police or ICE have a warrant signed by a judge)

**If you are arrested, you have the right to...**

- Speak to a lawyer
- Make a phone call



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# IF YOU ARE STOPPED ON THE STREET OR IN A PUBLIC PLACE

Police or ICE agents may stop you in a public place and ask you questions. You do not have to answer their questions.

If they do not have a warrant, the authorities **MAY NOT** arrest you unless they have evidence that you have committed a crime or are not authorized in the United States.



Ask the officer: **"AM I BEING ARRESTED OR DETAINED?"**

- If the officer says **"NO"** ask the officer if you may leave.
  - o When the officer says **"YES"**, walk away slowly.
  - o Do not answer any questions.
- If the officer says **"YES"** then you should:
  - o Give the officer your Know Your Rights card and exercise your **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**.
  - o Tell the officer you want to **SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY**

**NEVER** provide the officer with fake documents or with any type of foreign identification (passport, consular ID, etc.). This may be used against you in future deportation proceedings.

**NEVER** lie to a police officer or immigration officer, because this can also be used against you. Instead, remember to **REMAIN SILENT**.



## **IMPORTANT!**

*In some states, but not in Maryland, it is a minor crime not to provide your name when asked by a police officer.*

# IF IMMIGRATION (OR THE POLICE) COME TO YOUR HOME

## YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SEE A VALID WARRANT

1) Ask the officer to slip the warrant under the door.

### DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!

If you open the door, this can be considered consent to a search, even if they don't have a valid warrant.



A warrant is a paper signed by a **JUDGE** giving the officer permission to enter your home. (see page 3)

#### It needs to say:

- a. The areas that need to be searched; and/or
- b. The individual(s) and/or objects to be seized

An administrative warrant issued by an immigration official (including an immigration judge) is not a valid warrant and **DOES NOT** grant anyone authority to enter your home. (see page 4)

If the officer enters your home without a valid warrant, and without your permission, get the officers' badge number(s) and say

### "I DID NOT CONSENT TO THIS SEARCH."

2) If the officer has a valid warrant, signed by a judge:

You must allow them access to the areas of your home described in the warrant.

If they search areas not listed in the warrant, document this and get a receipt for any property taken.

If they ask you or anyone in your family questions, assert your **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT** and follow the instructions for an encounter in a public space.

**NEVER** provide the officer with fake documents or any document issued by a foreign country.

**NEVER** lie to the officers.

### EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.

**INVALID**

**Warrant for Arrest of Alien**

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY**

File No. [REDACTED]

Date: 08/29/2023

**To: Any immigration officer authorized pursuant to sections 236 and 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act and part 287 of title 8, Code of Federal Regulations, to serve warrants of arrest for immigration violations**

I have determined that there is probable cause to believe that [REDACTED] is removable from the United States. This determination is based upon:

- the execution of a charging document to initiate removal proceedings against the subject;
- the pendency of ongoing removal proceedings against the subject;
- the failure to establish admissibility subsequent to deferred inspection;
- biometric confirmation of the subject's identity and a records check of federal databases that affirmatively indicate, by themselves or in addition to other reliable information, that the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law; and/or
- statements made voluntarily by the subject to an immigration officer and/or other reliable evidence that affirmatively indicate the subject either lacks immigration status or notwithstanding such status is removable under U.S. immigration law.

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to arrest and take into custody for removal proceedings under the Immigration and Nationality Act, the above-named alien.

[REDACTED]

(Signature of Authorized Immigration Officer)

[REDACTED]

(Printed Name and Title of Authorized Immigration Officer)

**Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that the Warrant for Arrest of Alien was served by me at [REDACTED] (Location)

on [REDACTED] (Name of Alien) on 09/19/2023 (Date of Service), and the contents of this

notice were read to him or her in the ENGLISH / SPANISH language.

[REDACTED]

Name and Signature of Officer

Name or Number of Interpreter (if applicable)

**VALID**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

for the

In the Matter of the Search of \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Briefly describe the property to be searched )  
or identify the person by name and address ) Case No.  
)  
)  
)  
)

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT**

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the government requests the search of the following person or property located in the \_\_\_\_\_ District of \_\_\_\_\_  
(identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location):

I find that the affidavit(s), or any recorded testimony, establish probable cause to search and seize the person or property described above, and that such search will reveal (identify the person or describe the property to be seized):

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to execute this warrant on or before \_\_\_\_\_ (not to exceed 14 days)  
 in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.     at any time in the day or night because good cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to \_\_\_\_\_  
(United States Magistrate Judge)

Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b), I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box)

for \_\_\_\_\_ days (not to exceed 30)     until, the facts justifying, the later specific date of \_\_\_\_\_ .

Date and time issued: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Judge's signature*

City and state: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

**Return**

Case No.:

Date and time warrant executed:

Copy of warrant and inventory left with:

Inventory made in the presence of :

Inventory of the property taken and name of any person(s) seized:

**Certification**

I declare under penalty of perjury that this inventory is correct and was returned along with the original warrant to the designated judge.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Executing officer's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Printed name and title*

## IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR

- Remain in the car. Put your hands on the steering wheel so that the officer can see them.
- Ask who stopped you. Get the agency the officer works for and their badge number.

**If you are undocumented, DO NOT answer any questions about your immigration status.**

### **YOU CAN REFUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS LIKE:**

"Are you legal?"

"Do you have papers (or a green card)?"

"Where are you from?"

"Where were you born?"

- If you have a valid driver's license and registration, give those to officer.

**NEVER** provide the officer with fake documents or any document issued by a foreign country.

If you give the police or ICE false documents:

- o **YOU CAN** be charged and convicted with a federal crime.
- o **YOU WON'T** be able to be released on bond
- o **YOU** risk **PERMANENT EXPULSION** from the U.S., if the documents belong to a United States citizen.

If the officer asks a **PASSENGER** for identification:

1. They can refuse to provide ID
2. They can say:
  - "I would prefer not to answer your questions here. If I am charged with a crime, I want to speak with my attorney first."
  - "I am simply a passenger. I do not wish to give my ID."

The police will return to their car and check the name on your driver's license in a national database. This database includes criminal warrants from all over the U.S. and since 2002 it has included deportation orders. If you have ever had contact with immigration in the past, you might have a deportation order and not know it.

**YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE A SEARCH OF YOUR CAR OR YOUR BODY  
(UNLESS THEY HAVE A WARRANT OR CAUSE TO THINK YOU COMMITTED A CRIME)**

## IF YOU ARE STOPPED IN YOUR CAR

If the officer gives you a ticket, make sure you pay it or appear in court (if required).

If the officer indicates that you are being **ARRESTED**:

- o Give the officer your Know Your Rights card and exercise your **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**.
- o Tell the officer you want to **SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY**

**How to prepare for a traffic stop:**

- 1) Only drive if you have a valid driver's license and always carry it with you.
- 2) Have your registration, insurance and car inspection up to date
- 3) Have proof of insurance and registration with you whenever you drive.

*\* If you reside in Maryland, you can obtain a license at any Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) office. Visit <http://mva.state.md.us> to learn about the requirements of obtaining a license in Maryland.*



## IF IMMIGRATION (OR POLICE) COME TO YOUR WORKPLACE

Immigration and the police can only enter non-public areas of your workplace with either a valid warrant or permission from your employer. If possible, talk to your co-workers and your employer about refusing to allow immigration access to your workplace.

If ICE agents do enter your workplace, stay calm. Do not run. This may be viewed as an admission that you have something to hide.

### YOU HAVE THE SAME BASIC RIGHTS AT WORK AS YOU DO IN A PUBLIC SPACE:

- You have the **RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**
- **DO NOT** say anything about where you were born
- You have the right to **REFUSE A SEARCH** (unless they have a warrant or cause to think you committed a crime)
- You have the **RIGHT TO REQUEST AN ATTORNEY**



### IF THEY TELL YOU THAT YOU ARE UNDER ARREST OR BEING DETAINED, GIVE THEM YOUR KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARD.

**NEVER** provide the officer with fake documents or any document issued by a foreign country.

**NEVER** lie to the officers.

### EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!



## IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY IMMIGRATION, YOU SHOULD

### 1. FIND OUT WHO ARRESTED YOU

Ask for the name and agency of the person who arrested you. Get their badge number and license plate which should be on their uniform and car.

### 2. ASK TO SEE YOUR LAWYER

You always have the right to speak with a lawyer. **Government officials may try to intimidate you or trick you into signing.** Don't let yourself be tricked! If you don't have a lawyer yet, you still have the right to obtain one.

*In immigration cases, the government will NOT give you a free lawyer.*

### 3. ASSERT YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

Do not give any information to the police or ICE without talking to your lawyer first.

### 4. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING

Before consulting with your lawyer. You may be signing away your right to a hearing before an immigration judge.

### 5. CONTACT LAWYER OR FAMILY MEMBER

You have the right to make a telephone call after you are arrested. Memorize the telephone number of your attorney, family member, friend or union spokesperson, and contact him/her immediately.

### 6. CONTACT YOUR CONSULATE

If you are a foreign national arrested in the U.S., you have the right to call your consulate or to have the deportation officer inform the consulate of your arrest. Memorize their phone number or ask family member to call.

### 7. ASK FOR BOND

Even if immigration says you are not eligible. Bond is paying a certain amount of money to be released from jail. In exchange, you then promise to return for your court date. You have to show that you are not a flight risk or a danger to the community.

Also, get a copy of the "**Notice to Appear**," a document that contains the immigration charges against you.



## IF YOU ARE ARRESTED BY THE POLICE AND CHARGED WITH A CRIME



### **1. FIND OUT WHO ARRESTED YOU**

Ask for the name and agency of the person who arrested you. Get their badge number and license plate which should be on their uniform and car.

### **2. ASK TO SEE YOUR LAWYER**

You always have the right to speak with a lawyer. Government officials may try to intimidate you or trick you into signing. Don't let yourself be tricked! In criminal cases, if you cannot afford an attorney, the government will provide one for you.

### **3. ASSERT YOUR RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT**

Do not give any information to the police or ICE without talking to your lawyer first.

### **4. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING**

Before consulting with your lawyer.

### **5. CONTACT LAWYER OR FAMILY MEMBER**

You have the right to make a telephone call after you are arrested. Memorize the telephone number of your attorney, family member, friend or union spokesperson, and contact him/her immediately.

### **6. ASK YOUR LAWYER TO HELP YOU GET RELEASED FROM CUSTODY**

Depending on how serious the charges are, you may be released by promising to show up for your next hearing, or you may be given bail. If you are given bail, you will have to pay some money to be released from custody.

### **7. IF YOU ARE NOT A U.S. CITIZEN, MAKE SURE YOUR ATTORNEY CONSULTS WITH AN IMMIGRATION ATTORNEY**

Criminal cases can have serious immigration consequences. It is important that your attorney develops a plan for your case with an immigration attorney before you pay bail or do anything else on your case.

### **IMMIGRANT DETAINERS!**

When you are in criminal custody, ICE may try to issue something called a "detainer" to stop you from being released. This is a request for the jail to hold you for up to an extra 48 hours (not including weekends and holidays). Some jails honor these detainers, some jails don't, and many only honor them in certain circumstances. You should tell your lawyer about your immigration status and make sure you do not have a detainer before you are released from jail.

# DEVELOP A SAFETY PLAN

## AT WORK

1. Talk to your coworkers. If possible, get them all to agree to remain silent if ICE comes to your job.
2. Remember to remain calm and **DO NOT RUN** if ICE comes to your workplace. Remain silent and, if they arrest you, tell them you want to talk to your lawyer.
3. If there is a union at your job, contact your union spokesperson to develop a plan for if there is an immigration raid.

## AT HOME

### 1. Know what documents you should carry with you

- o Carry a valid U.S. ID (like a driver's license) if possible
- o If you have a green card, carry it with you (or a copy of it)
- o Carry a card with the contact information of your immigration attorney and/or union representative.
- o Carry a card, indicating that you wish to remain silent. A sample card is attached on the back.

### 2. Make a plan to care for your family:

#### Personal Information Make sure your family or trusted friends know your:

- o Immigration "A" number (if you have one). This is a 9 digit number that is used to identify anyone who has had ever had contact with immigration. It may start with an "A". It will be on any immigration document you've ever received (like a court notice, a work permit or other document).
- o Exact Name
- o Exact Date of Birth
- o Country of Origin or citizenship (usually where you were born)



#### Child Care

If you have children or elderly relatives, make arrangements in advance for a family member or friend to care for them if you are detained. Have the telephone numbers of this relative or friend with you at all times and make sure other people know of these plans. **You can use a limited power of attorney form for this.**

#### Finances

Make sure you designate individuals you trust to make decisions for you if you are detained. They can help you withdraw money for deportation expenses or pay a mortgage. Financial institutions may require you to execute a power of attorney for this. Check with your bank or financial service provider.

## DEVELOP A SAFETY PLAN



### 3. Have copies of all of your important documents

Make sure your family has copies of all your important documents, including:

- o Immigration Documents including records of any immigration status you ever had, of any prior filings with immigration or other immigration related documents.
- o Birth certificates for you and your children
- o Marriage certificate
- o Passports for you and your children
- o Names and contact information for lawyers. Include anyone who has ever represented you in the past, and a list of lawyers who might be able to help defend you in immigration court.
- o Any other important papers (deed to your house, etc.)

**PLACE THESE DOCUMENTS IN A SECURE, EASY TO FIND LOCATION.**

### 4. Make sure your family knows how to find you

If they have all of your personal information, they can go to the ICE Locator website and find out where you are being detained: [www.locator.ice.gov](http://www.locator.ice.gov)

### 5. Save money to pay for an attorney and cover other expenses

You have a right to an attorney to help defend you in your immigration case, but unlike in a criminal case, the government will not provide you one for free. Your family may also need to cover expenses while you're in detention, since you will not be able to work.

### 6. Find an immigration attorney

Keep a list of organizations and private attorneys who might be able to help you with your immigration case.

- Immigration Advocates Network  
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory>
- Immigration Legal Services Directory
- American Immigration Lawyers Association  
[www.aialawyer.org/](http://www.aialawyer.org/)

### 7. Stay in touch:

Save CASA's information on your cell phone.

Including our raid hotline at 888-214-6016 and our website at [www.wearecasa.org](http://www.wearecasa.org)



## FAMILY SAFETY PLAN

This section is intended to help you make a plan in case you are detained by immigration officials. None of the information in this guide is intended as legal advice. We recommend you consult with an attorney to develop a more detailed plan for the security of your family and your finances.

The Limited Power of Attorney form included herein is **meant only to serve as an example** and **does not substitute** for a permanent child custody arrangement. CASA recommends that you consult with a family law attorney to develop a plan that works for your family.

### SAFETY PLAN CHECK LIST

Collect and Maintain a binder of the following documents:

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate  | <input type="checkbox"/> Military paperwork  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of consular ID  | <input type="checkbox"/> Business paperwork  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of passport   | <input type="checkbox"/> Work paychecks  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Copy of any other form of ID                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Medical records   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Educational degrees  | <input type="checkbox"/> Criminal records  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marriage license (if applicable)                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Immigration record  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Birth certificate(s) of your children with your name listed      | <input type="checkbox"/> Visa, work permit, A#, deportation order, ICE paperwork   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's passports   | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal paperwork from lawyers you have worked with previously  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children's medical records                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Police paperwork proving you were the victim of a crime   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency numbers and important contact information              | <input type="checkbox"/> Paperwork proving you are the witness of a crime in the United States and are cooperating in an investigation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney  | <input type="checkbox"/> Paperwork of a pending civil rights complaint   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Any other documents you want to be able to quickly find          |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your house or property paperwork (leases, rent payment receipts) |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> List of all properties you lived in while in the U.S.            |  |

**CHILDREN'S INFORMATION**  
*Complete this for each of your children*

<b>CHILD'S NAME</b>	
Date of Birth	
Child's Cell Phone Number	
<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>	
School Name	
School Address	
School Phone Number	
Teacher's Name	
Classroom Number	
Afterschool Program Name	
Afterschool Program Phone Number	
<b>MEDICAL INFORMATION</b>	
Allergies	
Medical Conditions	
Medications	
Health Insurance Information	
Doctor's Name	
Doctor's Phone Number	
Doctor's Address	
<b>CHILD'S NAME</b>	
Date of Birth	
Child's Cell Phone Number	
<b>SCHOOL INFORMATION</b>	
School Name	
School Address	
School Phone Number	
Teacher's Name	
Classroom Number	
Afterschool Program Name	
Afterschool Program Phone Number	
<b>MEDICAL INFORMATION</b>	
Allergies	
Medical Conditions	
Medications	
Health Insurance Information	
Doctor's Name	
Doctor's Phone Number	
Doctor's Address	

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS AND CONTACT INFORMATION

<b>EMERGENCY NUMBERS</b>	
Immediate Emergency	911
Police Department	
Fire Department	
Poison Control	
<b>FAMILY CONTACTS</b>	
Mother (or guardian)	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Work Name	
Work Phone Number	
Work Address	
Father (or guardian)	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Work Name	
Work Phone Number	
Work Address	
Other Emergency Contact	
Relationship	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	
Other Emergency Contact	
Relationship	
Cell Phone Number	
Home Phone Number	

## MISCELLANEOUS CONTACTS

<b>DOCTOR</b>	
Phone Number	
Health Insurance Company	
Policy Number	
<b>PEDIATRICIAN</b>	
Phone Number	
Health Insurance Company	
Policy Number	
<b>DENTIST</b>	
Phone Number	
Dental Insurance Company	
Policy Number	
<b>CAR MAKE/MODEL</b>	
License Plate Number	
Car Insurance Company	
Insurance Policy Number	
Phone Number	
<b>CONSULATE</b>	
Address	
Phone Number	
<b>ATTORNEY/NONPROFIT LEGAL SERVICES</b>	
Address	
Phone Number	

## NOTES

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARD

Present the following card to immigration or the police if you are arrested in order to exercise your right to remain silent and to request an attorney.

**My name is:** \_\_\_\_\_



**This is to advise any law enforcement officer that I cannot answer any questions (other than my name), sign any papers, or consent to any search until I have had the opportunity to speak with a lawyer.**

**Please let me know if I am under arrest or free to go. If I am under arrest please allow me to make a phone call so that I can secure legal counsel.**

Thank you.

**You have the right to:**



1. **Identify yourself** with your name
2. **You don't have to** answer any more personal questions
3. **Say** that you want to speak to a lawyer
4. **If they attempt to search** you, your car, your home, or your belongings, say that you **DO NOT** consent to the search.
5. **If you are arrested** you have the right to:
  - Remain silent
  - Speak with a lawyer (**DO NOT** sign anything before this)
  - Make a call
6. **Remain calm** and act respectfully

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**Me llamo:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Esta tarjeta sirve para informar a cualquier oficial, que no puedo contestar sus preguntas (más allá de mi nombre), no firmare ningún papel, y no consentiré a ser revisado hasta que tenga la oportunidad de hablar con un abogado.**

**Por favor infórmeme si estoy bajo arresto o libre de irme. Si me está deteniendo, por favor permítame hacer una llamada para obtener un abogado defensor.**

Gracias.

**Usted tiene derecho a:**



1. **Identificarse** con su nombre
2. **No tiene que** contestar preguntas personales
3. **Decir que quiere** hablar con un abogado
4. **Si intentan revisarlo** a usted, su coche, su casa, o sus efectos, diga que **NO CONSIENTE**.
5. **Si le arrestan** tiene derechos de:
  - Guardar silencio
  - Hablar con un abogado (**NO FIRME** nada antes de eso)
  - Hacer una llamada
6. **Mantenga la calma** y sea respetuoso

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