

WORSHIP PLACE PREPAREDNESS: PROTECTING IMMIGRANT WORSHIPPERS

DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT.

To enter the building, law enforcement **must** have either your permission (by opening the door) or a valid judicial warrant.

Tip: Keep your entry doors locked and post a number on the door to call to access the building.

A VALID JUDICIAL WARRANT MUST:

- Be Issued by a South Dakota or federal court;
- Be Signed by a court's judge; and
- State specifically WHO or WHAT is being looked for.

Keep the door closed. Ask to see the warrant through a window or by sliding it under the door. Look at the warrant to see if there is a judge's signature. The warrant must include a specific timeframe when the warrant must be completed by. If valid you must comply by letting ICE into the specified private area. Courts have decided that a warrant signed by a DHS or ICE official is **not valid** for entering private spaces and conducting a search.

Tip: Designate a person or a lawyer from your congregation who will interact with ICE and knows about warrants. Politely and calmly say "This is not a valid warrant and I am using my right to not let you in."

REMEMBER YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS.

You have the right to remain silent, the right to not sign anything without consulting a lawyer, and the right to keep the door closed without a valid judicial warrant. These are everyone's rights under the U.S. Constitution, regardless of immigration status.

Tip: The act of opening the door and letting ICE in equals consent. Asking for a warrant before opening the door is asserting your constitutional rights. Remain calm and be polite.

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