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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Everyone in the United States has constitutional rights.

This page is designed to help individuals and families understand their basic rights if they are approached by immigration enforcement or other law enforcement agencies — whether at home, in public, or in a vehicle.

These rights apply to **citizens and non-citizens alike**, regardless of immigration status. Knowing them ahead of time can help you stay calm, protect yourself, and avoid unintentionally giving up important legal protections.

This page provides general information, not legal advice.

Why This Resource Exists

Encounters with immigration or law enforcement can be stressful and confusing. People are often pressured to answer questions, allow searches, or sign documents without fully understanding their rights.

The Constitution places limits on what government agents may require of you — but those protections only work if you know and assert them.

Core Rights to Remember

No matter where an encounter happens:

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status.
- You do not have to sign anything without speaking to a lawyer.
- You do not have to consent to searches.
- You may ask: **“Am I being detained, or am I free to leave?”**
- If you are free to leave, you may calmly do so.

Always remain calm. Do not run or resist.

If You Are Approached in Public or at Work

- You may ask what agency the officer is with.
 - You do not have to answer questions.
 - You do not have to show identification unless required by law.
 - If you are told you are not being detained, you may leave calmly.
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If You Are Stopped in a Car

- Pull over safely if signaled to stop.
 - The driver may be required to show a driver's license, registration, and proof of insurance.
 - Passengers generally do not have to answer questions or show identification.
 - You do not have to consent to a search of your vehicle or belongings.
 - You may say clearly: **"I do not consent to this search."**
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If Officers Come to Your Home

- You do not have to open the door.
 - Ask officers to show a warrant **signed by a judge**.
 - An immigration (ICE) administrative warrant does **not** allow entry without your consent.
 - You may ask officers to slide the warrant under the door or show it through a window.
 - You do not have to answer questions or sign documents.
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Using a Rights Card

The rights card shown on this page contains language you may use to clearly assert your constitutional rights.

You may hand the card to an officer.

If you are inside your home, you may show it through a window or slide it under the door.

Rights Card Language (English)

I do not wish to speak with you, answer any questions, or sign or hand you any documents. I am exercising my rights under the Fifth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my Fourth Amendment rights under the United States Constitution, unless you have a warrant signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it. Please slide the warrant under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my Fourth Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and non-citizens alike.

Recording Encounters

In public spaces, you generally have the right to photograph or record law enforcement officers if you do not interfere with their work.

Trusted Legal Resources

For more detailed or situation-specific information, you may wish to review guidance from established legal organizations:

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU)
- ACLU of New Jersey
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC)
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC)
- Legal Services of New Jersey

Links are provided for educational purposes and do not constitute legal advice.

A Final Note

Protecting due process is not a political act.
It is a constitutional guarantee — and a human one.

Legal Disclaimer

This information is provided for general educational purposes only and does not constitute legal advice. We are not lawyers or legal professionals, and this website is not a substitute for advice from a qualified attorney.

Laws and individual circumstances vary. If you need legal advice or are facing an immigration or law enforcement matter, you should seek assistance from a qualified attorney or a trusted legal organization as soon as possible.