

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



In this country every person has rights, regardless of their country of origin, legal status, native language, religion, sexual orientation or gender identity.

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RIGHT #1

The Right to **NOT** Open the Door

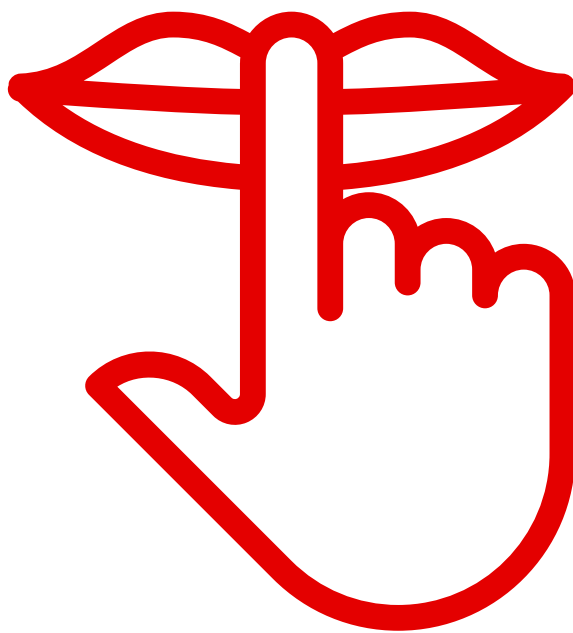


If any authority, including immigration officers, knock on your door looking for someone, **YOU SHOULD NOT OPEN THE DOOR.** Ask them to slide the warrant under the door, and/or take a photo from the window. Without opening the door, **check that the warrant has the correct name and address of the person they are looking for in your home.**

If you have any doubts about the legitimacy of this warrant, call the San Francisco Rapid Response Network at (415) 200-1548, or the Alameda Rapid Response Network at (510) 241-4011. **If the officers do not show you the warrant or if the name and/or address are not correct: DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!**

RIGHT #2

The Right to Remain Silent



If you are stopped by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right to remain silent, and only give your real name; then, ask to call your attorney. You have the right to only respond in the presence of your attorney.

REMEMBER:

Do not give any information except in the presence of your attorney!

RIGHT #3

The Right to Make a Phone Call



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right to make a phone call to your attorney or a family member.

REMEMBER:

Keep an emergency phone number in your pocket to call your attorney or family members!

Establish an Emergency Family Plan so your children and family members know what to do and who to call.

RIGHT #4

The Right to a Hearing Before a Judge



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, **you have the right to request a hearing before a Judge** to present your case.

REMEMBER:

You have the right to due process!

RIGHT #5

The Right to Have Your Physical Integrity Respected



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you must not be mistreated or verbally offended by any authority. Your person must be respected!

REMEMBER:

No one has the right to abuse you physically or verbally!

RIGHT #6

The Right to Not Sign Any Documents



If you are detained by any authority, including immigration officers, you have the right not to sign any documents, except if your attorney or legal representative recommends it.

RIGHT #7

The Right to Evaluate Whether You Qualify for Any Immigration Process



You may qualify for or benefit from some immigration processes, even if you are detained. These benefits may include asylum or cancellation of a previous deportation order. With a legal consultation, you can better understand your options and know if you are eligible for an adjustment of immigration status.

REMEMBER:

Ask your attorney if you qualify for any immigration relief program.

WHAT WE SHOULD AVOID IN ORDER TO NOT COMPLICATE AN IMMIGRATION CASE:

- 1. Do not run from an immigration agent, police officer or other authorities.**
- 2. Do not order or allow children to open the door if someone knocks on the door.**
- 3. Do not open the door without asking and confirming who it is.**
- 4. Do not carry false identification documents such as social security, driver's license, etc.**
- 5. Do not drive vehicles if you do not have a license, if you do not have insurance and the vehicle registration is not current.**
- 6. Do not participate in public disorders or in your home that provoke police intervention*.**
- 7. Do not abuse alcohol, and avoid public intoxication. It can provoke police intervention*.**
- 8. Do not get involved in cases of public or domestic violence. It is illegal and requires police intervention*.**
- 9. Do not physically mistreat or abuse minors. It is illegal and requires police intervention*.**
- 10. Do not possess drugs and other illegal substances. This may result in police intervention.***

** If the police intervene, particularly in cases of violence, driving under the influence of alcohol, drug possession or other activities considered illegal, these interventions remain on your record and may create difficulties for your immigration case.*



WE ALL HAVE RIGHTS IN THIS COUNTRY

And Being Prepared is Our Responsibility

REMEMBER:

- Seek legal consultations with immigration legal programs in your community.
- Share this information with your family, friends, and at your workplace.
- Prepare a family emergency plan with the participation of all members of your household.
- Assure your loved ones that they and everyone else have rights in this country.
- Keep critical information and contacts on hand, such as the Your Rights Card in this pamphlet.

Join efforts to protect the rights of our immigrant community. We must raise our voices and claim our rights!



KEEP THIS INFORMATION HANDY

**IN CASE OF A RAID, CALL THE RAPID RESPONSE
NETWORK IN YOUR AREA:**

- (415) 200-1548 San Francisco Rapid Response Network**
- (510) 241-4011 Alameda Rapid Response Network**
- (415) 991-4545 Marin Rapid Response Network**
- (408) 290-1144 Santa Clara Rapid Response Network**
- (831) 643-5225 Monterey Rapid Response Network**
- (831) 239-4289 Santa Cruz Rapid Response Network**
- (707) 800-4544 North Bay Rapid Response Network (Sonoma & Napa)**
- (203) 666-4472 San Mateo Rapid Response Network**
- (559) 206-0151 Fresno Rapid Response Network**
- (916) 245-6773 Sacramento Rapid Response Network**



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**For legal advice and community attorneys visit
these websites:**

www.sfilen.org

San Francisco Immigrant Legal Education Network

www.sfildc.org

San Francisco Immigrant Legal Defense Collaborative

www.sf-hrc.org/respect-love-toolkit

SF Human Rights Commission Respect and Love Toolkit

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YOUR RIGHTS CARD

This panel explains to police or ICE agents that you exercise your right not to answer questions without first consulting with an attorney in the event that you are detained by them or if they come to your home. It also explains that you have the right not to open the door without the officers showing you an arrest warrant signed by a judge.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Please be informed that I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights as stated in the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a court ordered warrant signed by a judge or magistrate with my name and correct information on it. If you have such a warrant, please tell me and slide it under the door. I do not give you permission to search my home, property or any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

If I am detained by ICE or by the police, I request to contact an attorney immediately. I am also exercising my right to refuse to sign anything until I consult with my attorney.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

Thank you.