



Know Your Rights. Stay Calm. Remain Vigilant.

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Know Your Rights.

If ICE comes to your home:

- If an ICE agent comes to your home, **DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR.**
- ICE can not enter your home without a judicial search warrant signed by a judge. An ICE warrant is not the same as a judicial warrant.
- If the agents say they have a warrant, ask them to pass the warrant to you under the door. Confirm the name and address on the warrant to make sure it is valid and is signed by a judge.





Know Your Rights.

If ICE approaches you in public:

- ICE cannot detain you without a reason.
- Before giving ICE any information, ask if you are free to go. If they say “yes,” leave the location. If they say “no”, tell them you don’t want to answer any questions and you need to speak to a lawyer.
- **DO NOT AUTHORIZE A SEARCH.** If ICE attempts to search you or your property, say “I do not consent to this search.”
- **DO NOT RUN.** If you run, this could help ICE develop a legal reason to stop you.





Know Your Rights.

The public has a right under the First Amendment to record video and take pictures in public places.

- You have the right to film or record law enforcement officers - including ICE agents, local/state police, and National Guard soldiers - regardless of your immigration status.
- Be sure to remain at a safe distance and do not interfere or obstruct the activities of the officers you are recording.
- If an ICE agent or other law enforcement officer tells you to stop filming, depending on your comfort level, you may want to comply with orders, or assert your rights but continue to film from a safer distance.





Stay Calm.

Remaining calm and composed during encounters with ICE and law enforcement can be the difference between life and death.

- Breathe deeply and slowly when dealing with law enforcement and think before you act. Your body language and actions can impact the situation so keep your hands visible and do your best not to engage or provoke law enforcement.
- Be polite and respectful. While you are not obligated to answer questions, maintaining a calm and respectful demeanor helps prevent the situation from escalating.
- Even if ICE is detaining you wrongfully, do not resist the arrest and do not run from law enforcement under any circumstances.
- The best way to keep yourself and others safe during an encounter with law enforcement is to know your rights and keep your composure.





Stay Calm.

Do not add to the hysteria and seek help when needed.

- It is equally important not to contribute to the spread of misinformation and public panic. Only share information from credible and trusted sources.
- Do not engage or respond to hateful or hostile parties on social media or in public forums. Instead, focus on solutions and collaboration.
- Mental health matters. Be sure to make your peace and wellbeing a top priority. If you are suffering from mental or emotional distress, seek professional help.





Remain Vigilant.

During times like these, it's important that we stand in solidarity.

- Documenting law enforcement encounters and practices helps to promote accountability, highlights harmful immigration policies, and supports advocacy for systemic reform.
- Even if you can't film the encounter, be sure to record details such as the officer's names and badge numbers, vehicle info and license plate numbers, details of the encounter, documents presented, etc.
- When filming, remember to focus the camera on law enforcement officers rather than the person being detained.
- Make your footage easier to authenticate by filming context like a clear shot of the location, landmarks, street signs, a clock or smartphone home screen, and other details that can verify time, date, and location.





Remain Vigilant.

How to be an ally and help effectively:

- If you see something, say something. Report all ICE encounters and sightings to organizations tracking this information.
- Keep exercising your First Amendment Right to protest but do it peacefully and do it together. Strength in numbers.
- Educate yourself and your community on your rights. The more you know, the more you can protect yourself and your neighbors.
- When possible, contribute financially or volunteer with non-profit organizations and legal services that help victims of police misconduct and provide free/low-cost immigration legal aid.





Resources/Info

If someone you know was detained:

- **American Friends Service Committee Detained Hotline:**
 - 973-474-9861 (Tues & Thurs, 2-4pm)
- **Legal Services of New Jersey Detained Hotline:**
 - 1-888-894-0612 (Mon 10am-12pm + 2-4pm; Wed & Fri 2-4pm)
- **Detention and Deportation Defense Initiative Referral Form:**
 - <https://forms.office.com/r/e7cK9Lv09P>
- **AFSC Raid Victim Referral Form:**
 - <https://forms.office.com/r/gREPL1tdmp>
- **Resistencia en Acción NJ Hotline:**
 - 640-466-2386
- **DIRE Hotline and Rapid Response Team Hotline:**
 - 888-347-3767 (888-DIRE-SOS)

To report ICE activity or misconduct:

- **AFSC Survey to Report ICE Activities:**
 - bit.ly/ICEINNJ





Resources/Info

Legal Referrals/Assistance:

- **New Jersey Consortium for Immigrant Children** offers legal representation for children and youth under age 21:
 - www.njcic.org/refer-a-child
 - (201) 305-9217; Please call Mondays (1pm-4:30pm), Wednesdays (1pm-4:30pm) and Fridays (9:30am-1pm)
- **First Friends Bond Referral Form:**
 - firstfriendsnjny.org/bond-referral-form/
 - Contact info@firstfriendsnjny.org for assistance with commissary funding for detained individuals, phone funding for detained individuals, & accompaniment for ICE check-ins and Newark immigration court hearings

Mental Health Services:

- **El Barrio Wellness Mental Health Center:**
 - www.elbarriowellness.org

For more helpful information and resources, please visit lacasadedonpedro.org/immigrant-resource-center/

