

WHAT TO DO IN AN IMMIGRATION ENCOUNTER



- ***If ICE COMES TO YOUR HOME YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO***

NOT OPEN THE DOOR. ICE can not enter your home without a search warrant.

ASK TO SEE THE WARRANT UNDER THE DOOR. If the agents say they have a warrant, ask them to pass the warrant to you under the door. You do not have to open the door.

REVIEW THE WARRANT. Confirm the name and address on the warrant to make sure it is a valid warrant with your name or someone who lives at your address. Also check that the warrant is signed by a judge. An ICE warrant is not the same as a judicial warrant. During home raids, the agents often say they have a judicial warrant when all they have is an ICE warrant.

DOCUMENT WHAT HAPPENED. Ask for the ICE agents' names and badge numbers. Write down and take pictures of everything that happened during the raid.

- ***IF ICE APPROACHES YOU ON THE STREET OR PUBLIC PLACE YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO***

ASK: "Am I free to go?" and STAY SILENT. ICE cannot detain you to question you without a reason. Before giving ICE your name or any information, you have the right to ask if you are free to go. If they say "yes," leave the location. If they say "no" you have the right to tell them you don't want to answer any questions & you need to speak to a lawyer.

NOT CONSENT OR SAY "YES" TO A SEARCH. If ICE attempts to search you or your property, you have the right to say "No, I do not consent to this search."

NOT RUN. If you run, this could help ICE develop a legal reason to stop you.

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- **REMEMBER**

PREPARE yourself and your family in case you are arrested. Memorize your family's and lawyer's phone numbers. Make emergency plans if you have children or medical needs. Keep copies of important documents with someone you trust.

STAY SILENT. You have the right to not answer any of ICE's questions or give them any information. Anything you say can be used against you.

DO NOT RESIST ARREST. Even if ICE is detaining you wrongfully, do not resist the arrest.

DO NOT LIE OR SHOW FALSE DOCUMENTS. If you are a US Citizen or have lawful status, you may want to show proof. If you do not have immigration documents, you have the right to tell ICE that you want to remain silent. Avoid showing documentation from your home country.

ASK TO SPEAK TO A LAWYER. You do not have to say anything, and you do not have to make any decisions without speaking to a lawyer.

DO NOT SIGN. The ICE agents could tell you that you need to sign some documents. You do not have to sign anything until consulting with your lawyer.

GET INVOLVED/TAKE ACTION

Join a Make the Road NJ committee meeting and learn more about your rights as an immigrant

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WEDNESDAY

6:00PM

**184 Passaic Street
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Elizabeth

THURSDAY

7:00PM

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