

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Whether you are at work, home or in your community, the labor movement wants you to know your rights and be prepared when interacting with law enforcement, including immigration agents. Post this information on the back of your door so your family will have ready access.

**1** You have the right to **REMAIN SILENT**. You have the right not to answer any questions, including questions about your family, where you were born, whether you are a citizen, how you entered the United States, or your immigration status. When interacting with a law enforcement agent, you have the right to say “I choose to remain silent,” or hand a card to a law enforcement agent.

**2** You have the right **NOT TO SIGN** any documents without first speaking with an attorney. Anything you say or sign could be used against you later in any legal proceeding, including removal proceedings.

**3** If you have valid federal immigration **DOCUMENTS**, carry them with you. For example, if you have a green card or a work permit that has not expired, always carry it with you. Never carry false documents or lie about your immigration status.

**4** If law enforcement agents come to your home, you have the right to deny them entry unless they have a proper **WARRANT** signed by a judge. You don't need to open the door to see the warrant. You can slide a card under the door and, if they have a warrant, law enforcement agents can slide it under the door or hold it in the window to show it to you. Warrants issued by ICE don't give immigration agents the right to enter your home unless you give them permission.

NOTE: Judicial warrants are signed by judges and have the name of the court on them. ICE rarely has a judicial warrant. They might show you an immigration warrant instead—these usually say Department of Homeland Security on them and are usually signed by immigration officers.

**5** You have the right to **DOCUMENT ANY INTERACTION** with law enforcement, including via video and audio. Make sure you do so safely, advise officers of your intentions and do not obstruct their actions.

NOTE: This information is not meant to serve as legal advice.

For more information and resources, including Know Your Rights cards, please visit [aflcio.org/immigrationresources](https://aflcio.org/immigrationresources).



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