



Non-Citizens: Know Your Rights

If you do not have a current legal immigration status, **we strongly encourage you to talk with an experienced immigration lawyer.**

Find an Immigration Lawyer

- **Boston area FREE immigration clinics**
 - **Boston Residents:** the **Boston Mayor's Office** offers free one-time immigration telephone consultations on the first and third Wednesday of each month from 12:00-3:00PM. Appointments must be made in advance by calling 617- 635-2980. More information: boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/free-immigration-consultations
 - **The Rian Immigrant Center's Free Immigration legal consultation-** for immigrants from any country
Clinic Schedule - iicenter.org/what/immigration-legal-services/
- **Mass Legal Services' Find Legal Aid -** masslegalservices.org/FindLegalAid
- **Mass Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA) -** call 617-350-5480 and ask for their list of immigration lawyers, or see the list online: miracoalition.org/resources/legal-services/

Know Your Rights

Make sure you and others know what to do if an Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) agent stops you. You have a right to remain silent whatever your immigration status. You can refuse to speak to an ICE agent. Do not answer any questions, especially about your birth place, immigration status or how you entered the United States. There are rights cards that you can carry with you that say in English that you want to remain silent and that you want to speak with a lawyer. **Carry a rights card with you.** Download a card from nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/everyone-has-certain-basic-rights/ or ilrc.org/red-cards.

If ICE agents approach you on the street, ask if you are free to leave. If the agents say yes, calmly and silently walk away. If the agents say no, say you want to remain silent and to speak with a lawyer (or show them your rights card).

You have the right to see a warrant before letting anyone into your home. Slide your rights card under the door. Do not open the door unless an ICE agent shows you a warrant **signed by a judge and with the correct name and address of the person they are looking for on it.** Ask them to slip the warrant under the door or show it to you through a window before you open the door.

You have the right to speak with a lawyer and the right to make a phone call. Make sure to carry the phone number for an immigration lawyer with you. You have the right to refuse to sign anything before you talk to a lawyer. You have the right to refuse to show any documents before you talk to a lawyer.

Never lie or give false information to an immigration agent or police officer. Do not carry false identity cards or papers with you.

Your Rights in the Hospital - Protected Areas

Except in limited circumstances, ICE agents should **not** conduct arrests, apprehensions, or other enforcement actions in **or near** certain protected locations. Medical treatment and health care facilities, including hospitals, are protected areas. Other protected areas include places where children gather, places of worship, religious or civil ceremonies (like weddings and funerals), public demonstrations and places providing social services.

ICE agencies **may** enter protected areas in situations related to national security, imminent risk of death, violence or physical harm to any person, or where there is an imminent risk of destruction of evidence in an ongoing criminal case. ICE agents **may also** enter protected areas **if** they get agency headquarters' approval.

For more information see: cbp.gov/border-security/dhs-protected-areas-faqsnilc.org/wp-

Make a Safety Plan

These websites offer helpful tips:

- ilrc.org/community-resources and ilrc.org/know-your-rights-and-what-immigrant-families-should-do-now (Available in 8 languages)
- immdefense.org/ice-home-and-community-arrests/ (Available in 16 languages)

Additional Resources:

- nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Protected-Areas-Factsheet-2021-11-12.pdf
- clasp.org/publications/fact-sheet/what-are-protected-areas