



**ILLINOIS COALITION
FOR IMMIGRANT
& REFUGEE RIGHTS**

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WHEN INTERACTING WITH IMMIGRATION OFFICERS (ICE)

- **If you believe you are witnessing ICE activity**, please call ICIRR's 24-Hour Family Support Hotline at 1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY (1-855-435-7693) to report it.
- **If you find yourself interacting with an ICE officer in any location including your workplace, or out in the community, remember that you:**
 - Have the right to remain silent when questioned or arrested by immigration officers
 - Should remain calm and keep your hands where the officer can see them
 - **DO NOT:**
 - discuss your immigration or citizenship status with the police, immigration agents, or other officials
 - sign anything you do not understand. You should state that you wish to speak with an attorney
- **If an officer knocks on your door at home:** Do NOT open the door. Teach your children not to open the door.
 - ICE officers must have a **warrant signed by a judge** to enter your home. ICE "warrants" are not signed by judges; they are ICE forms signed by ICE officers and they do not grant authority to enter your home without your consent
- **If you are outdoors and think you see immigration officers nearby:**
 - Move to a safe indoor space
 - If you are a U.S. citizen and feel safe to do so, record the activity with your phone or write down any relevant information about what you witness—**ALWAYS** being careful to not interfere or otherwise obstruct the operation
- **DO NOT**
 - Post unverified information on social media
 - Interfere with the investigation or otherwise put yourself in harm's way

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Establish a safety plan that your family can use if ICE arrests you. Key parts of a safety plan include:

- Identify your emergency contacts and memorize their phone numbers.
- Provide your child's school or daycare with an emergency contact to pick up your child.
- Provide authorization in writing for your emergency contact to make medical and legal decisions for your child.
- Tell your loved ones that if you are detained by ICE, they can try to use ICE's online detainee locator to find you: locator.ice.gov
- If you are detained, it is important that you seek legal representation. Call 1-855-435-7693 to connect with an immigration attorney.

Additional Resources

National Immigrant Justice Center's Legal Deportation Assistance
immigrantjustice.org

Organized Communities Against Deportations' Resource Guide
organizedcommunities.org

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