

KBFF-KNOW & PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS AS AN IMMIGRANT
CONOSCA Y PROTÉGÉ SUS DERECHOS COMO IMMIGRANTE
AS ADVISED BY LEGAL RESOURCES

* YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. YOU CAN REFUSE TO SPEAK TO AN I.C.E. AGENT. DON'T ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ESPECIALLY ABOUT YOUR BIRTHPLACE, IMMIGRATION STATUS OR HOW YOU ENTERED THE U.S. IF YOUR ENCOUNTER IS WITH A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT, OR A SCHOOL OFFICIAL ONLY GIVE YOUR NAME.

* YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK TO A LAWYER AND THE RIGHT TO MAKE A PHONE CALL. MAKE SURE YOU CARRY THE NAME & PHONE NUMBER OF AN IMMIGRATION LAWYER WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES.

* ALWAYS TELL THE TRUTH AND NEVER PROVIDE FALSE INFORMATION TO AN IMMIGRATION AGENT, DO NOT CARRY FALSE IDENTIFICATION. ALWAYS BE POLITE AND STAY CALM.

* YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DEMAND A WARRANT BE SHOWN TO YOU, BEFORE LETTING ANYONE INTO YOUR HOME. DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR TO AUTHORITIES WITHOUT A WARRANT. YOU DO NOT NEED TO OPEN THE DOOR UNLESS AN I.C.E. AGENT SHOWS YOU A WARRANT FOR IMMIGRATION ARREST THAT IS SIGNED BY A JUDGE SPECIFICALLY WITH YOUR CORRECT NAME AND ADDRESS ON IT. IF THEY SAY THEY HAVE ONE, DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR FOR THEM TO SHOW IT TO YOU. INSTEAD ASK THEM TO SLIP IT UNDER THE DOOR OR THROUGH A SMALL WINDOW.

* YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN ANYTHING BEFORE YOU TALK TO A LAWYER, ESPECIALLY IF IT INVOLVES AN ORDER OF VOLUNTARY DEPARTURE. DO NOT SIGN ANY PAPERWORK YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND; DOING SO COULD ELIMINATE YOUR RIGHT TO SPEAK WITH A LAWYER OR HAVE A HEARING IN FRONT OF AN IMMIGRATION JUDGE. THIS MAY RESULT IN YOU BEING DEPORTED IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT A HEARING.

* PER THE A.C.L.U. ONLY A WARRANT FOR ISSUED BY A COURT AND SIGNED BY A JUDGE ALLOWS OFFICERS THE RIGHT TO ENTER YOUR HOME. A WARRANT ISSUED BY THE U.S. DEPT OF HOMELAND SECURITY OR I.C.E. AND SIGNED BY A DHS OR I.C.E. EMPLOYEE IS NOT SUFFICIENT CAUSE FOR ENTRY INTO YOUR HOME. IF THE AGENTS ENTER YOUR HOUSE WITHOUT A VALID WARRANT, ASK FOR THE AGENTS NAME AND BADGE NUMBER.

* THE A.C.L.U. ALSO ADVISES;

* IF AGENTS FORCE THEIR WAY INTO YOUR HOME OR PROPERTY, DO NOT ATTEMPT TO RESIST.

* IF YOU WISH TO EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS YOU CAN SAY, "I DO NOT AUTHORIZE YOU TO ENTER MY HOME OR TO SEARCH MY PROPERTY. I AM EXERCISING MY RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT." BE AWARE THAT IF YOU SAY ANYTHING TO AN I.C.E. AGENT; JUST TELL THEM YOU WISH TO SPEAK WITH A LAWYER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE." AND ADVISE EVERYONE IN THE RESIDENCE MAY ALSO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT. IT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THAT YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. BECAUSE I.C.E. CAN USE ANYTHING YOU SAY AGAINST YOU IN YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE.

* IF YOU HAVE BEEN MISTREATED, YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT.

* IT'S EXTREMELY IMPORTANT TO HAVE A PLAN IN PLACE IN THE CASE A FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY IMMIGRATION AGENTS. SUCH AS HAVING COPIES OF THEIR LIST OF DOCUMENTS IN PARTICULAR FOR THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS. TRY TO KEEP THESE IN A SAFE PLACE. THIS WILL AVOID IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION WHICH MEANS THE PERSON COULD BE DEPORTED WITHOUT JUST CAUSE.

* AN EXTREMELY IMPORTANT STEP TO TAKE IS TO CONTACT YOUR U.S. CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR U.S. SENATOR AND REQUEST ASSISTANCE FROM THEIR OFFICE AS THEY CAN VERIFY THE STATUS OF A CASE WITH IMMIGRATION VERY QUICKLY IF A FAMILY MEMBER HAS BEEN DETAINED BY IMMIGRATION.

* FOR SONOMA, LAKE, NAPA & MARIN COUNTIES THE U.S. CONGRESSMAN REP IS JARED HUFFMAN-707-981-8967 & CONGRESSMAN MIKE THOMPSON 707-542-7182 AND U.S.SENATOR DIANE FEINSTEIN, 415-393-0707.

* ALSO ADVISE YOUR ATTORNEY THAT YOU HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THEIR OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE. IT WILL HELP YOUR IMMIGRATION CASE.