

Know Your Rights!

How to Protect Yourself
in Case of an Immigration Raid



Roca's Immigrant and
Refugee Initiative (IRI)

RIGHTS CARD

I am giving you this card because I do not wish to speak to you or have any further contact with you. I choose to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. If you arrest me, I will continue to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. I want to speak with a lawyer before answering your questions.

I want to contact this attorney
or organization:

Telephone number:



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We hope this booklet provides you with some basic information to help you in case ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) comes to your home, your workplace or stops you on the street.

It includes some information about how you can protect yourself and your family and how you can develop your own safety plan. It also provides some local resources where you can get more information and assistance.

Important Things to Know in Case of an Immigration Raid



- You have the right to remain silent. You can choose to say nothing at all or you can tell the officer that you want to remain silent.

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- Carry the yellow “Rights Card” with you at all times – the yellow card is attached to the inside cover of this booklet. You can show the card to the officer and still remain silent.

 - If you do speak, only tell the officer that you want to speak to a lawyer.

 - Carry the name and phone number of an immigration lawyer with you at all times.

- If you have an Alien Registration Number (“A” Number), memorize it and keep it written down someplace at home where other family members know where to find it.

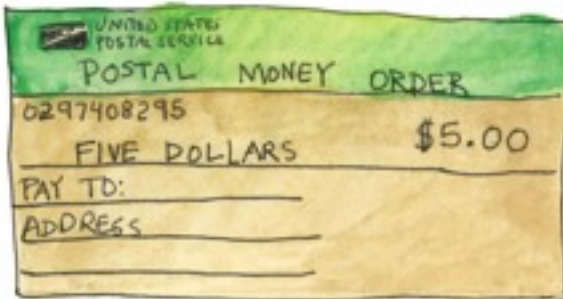


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- Advise your family members to stay away from any place where a raid happens or where a person is detained. It is unsafe for anyone who is undocumented to visit you in a detention center or prison.

 - **DO NOT** sign any documents until you have spoken to an immigration lawyer.

 - **DO NOT** carry false documents.

- If you are detained, you will not be able to make collect calls to a cell phone number. Therefore, make sure you always carry a \$5.00 money order from a United States Post Office and a calling card with money on it with you at all times.



If the Police or ICE Comes to Your Home



- You have the right to see a warrant from any ICE or police officer who tries to enter your home. A warrant is a paper signed by a judge that gives the Police, ICE, or the government permission to come into your home.

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- ***DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!*** First ask the officer to slip the warrant under the door. Do not let the officer in if he or she does not have a warrant. If the officer shows you a warrant you should step outside of your home to talk to the officer. This might help to protect anyone inside your home who does not want to talk to the officer.



- If you let the officer into your home, he or she can ask everyone in your home questions. Everyone in your home should remain silent.

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- If the officer enters your house without a warrant you should write down the officer's name and badge number and tell them that you have not given them permission to enter your house.

 - If the officer takes any of your property from your house, you should get a receipt from the officer for any property that is taken.

If the Police or ICE Comes to Your Workplace

- Stay calm, do not run.



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- In order to enter your workplace, a police or ICE officer must have the permission of your employer or a warrant signed by a judge.

 - If you work outside or in a public place, the officer does not need a warrant.

Remember: You have the right to remain silent. Refer to pages 2 through 6 for advice.



If the Police or ICE Stops You on the Street or in a Public Place



- **DO NOT** tell the officer your immigration status or where you were born.

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- **DO NOT** carry with you any documents from your country of origin.

 - **DO NOT** carry false documents.

Remember: You have the right to remain silent. Refer to pages 2 through 6 for advice.



How to have a Safety Plan for you and your Family



- If you have an Alien Registration Number (“A” Number), make sure your family has your number and your full name and date of birth.

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- Make sure your family knows how to contact you if you are taken by an ICE officer. To find out where you have been taken, your family can call the Washington D.C. Headquarters of the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention and Removal Branch. The number is **(202) 305 – 2734**. Or you can contact your local ICE office if you know where it is.

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- The phone number of the regional office in Massachusetts is **(617) 565 3304**



- Make sure that any friend or relative who is afraid to talk to ICE because they do not have documents, does not call or visit you at a detention center.

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- Find an immigration lawyer who specializes in deportation. Memorize the lawyer's name and number in case you get detained by ICE.



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- Make sure your family knows the names and numbers of good immigration lawyers so they can call a lawyer if you are detained. They should keep those numbers by the telephone in case of an emergency.

 - Keep all of your important papers (birth certificates, marriage certificates, passports) in a safe place that will be easy for your family to find in case of an emergency.

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- **Make sure that a friend or family member who you trust has copies of all of your immigration documents. Have the telephone number of this friend or relative with you at all times.**
 - It is important that you speak with this friend or family member now about what to do in the case of an emergency.
 - Make sure that this person can help you withdraw money to pay your expenses if you are detained or deported.



- If you have children or elderly family members make arrangements for someone to take care of them if you are detained.

The best way to protect yourself and your family in case of an ICE raid is to know your rights, create your safety plan now, and speak with a lawyer or legal advocate.

The following pages contain a list of local resources that you can contact to receive more help, information, and advice about what you can do in the case of a raid.

Legal Resources and Advocates

Greater Boston Legal Services-
Unidad de Inmigración y Empleo
(617) 371 1234
197 Friend Street Boston,
MA 02114

Suffolk University Legal Services
(617) 884 7568
350 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

MIRA Coalition
(617) 350 5480
105 Chauncy Street #901
Boston, MA 02111

Local Resources and Community Organizations

ROCA
(617) 889 5210
101 Park Street
Chelsea, MA 02150

La Comunidad, Inc.
(617) 387 9996
471 Broadway
Everett, MA 02149

Proyecto Hondureño- Iglesia San Lucas
(617) 887 0535
201 Washington Avenue
Chelsea, MA 02150

Somerville CDC
(617) 776 5931 ext.231
337 Somerville Avenue
Somerville, MA 02143

LUMA
(617) 381 0015
198 Ferry Street
Everett, MA 02149

La Colaborativa de Chelsea y el Comité de Inmigrantes
Latinos de Chelsea
(617) 889 6080
300 Broadway
Chelsea, MA 02150

Centro Presente
(627) 497 9080 ext. 11
54 Essex Street
Cambridge, MA 02139

EBECC: East Boston Ecumenical Community
(617) 567 2750
50 Meridian St.
East Boston, MA 02128

Agencia ALPHA
68 Northampton Street
Boston, MA 02118
Tel. 617.541.4455 x16