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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: A GUIDE FOR THE IMMIGRANTS IN THE U.S.

Everyone living in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, is protected by certain rights under the U.S. Constitution. Below is an outline of your rights in three specific situations: **at home, in public, and at work**. Understanding these rights can help you protect yourself and respond appropriately if you encounter immigration officers (ICE).

General Rights for All Situations:

1) You have the right to remain silent.

- You are not obligated to speak to immigration officers or answer their questions.
- If asked about your birthplace or how you entered the U.S., you can refuse to answer or remain silent.
- Clearly state, “I am exercising my right to remain silent,” if needed.
- Do not present false documents or provide false information.

2) You have the right to speak with a lawyer.

- If detained, you can immediately request legal counsel.
- If you have a lawyer, inform officers and provide a signed Form G-28 (Notice of Entry of Appearance as Attorney).
- If you don't have a lawyer, ask officers for a list of pro bono attorneys or contact your consulate for assistance.

3) You have the right to refuse to sign documents.

- Do not sign any paperwork without consulting a lawyer.
- Ensure you fully understand the content and implications of any document before signing.

If Immigration Officers Come to Your Home:

1) **Do not open the door unless necessary.**

- Officers need a valid search warrant signed by a judge to enter your home.
- An ICE deportation warrant does not grant them the legal right to enter without your consent.
- If they claim to have a search warrant, ask them to slide it under the door or show it through a window for verification.
- Verify that the warrant has your correct name, address, and a judge's signature.



2) **You can speak through the door.**

- You do not need to open the door to talk to officers.
- If you choose to step outside, close the door behind you.

3) **Protect your documents and information.**

- You have the right to refuse to show identity documents that reveal your country of origin.
- Never present false documents or provide false information.

If Immigration Officers Stop You in Public:

1) **Stay calm and remain silent.**

- You can ask if you are free to leave. If the officer says yes, walk away calmly.
- If they say no, exercise your right to remain silent.

2) **You may refuse a search.**

- If not under arrest, you can refuse to consent to search of yourself or your belongings.
- Officers may conduct a "pat-down" if they suspect you are carrying a weapon.

3) **Protect your documents.**

- You have the right to refuse to show any documents that disclose your immigration status or country of origin.



- Do not present false documents or provide false information.

If Immigration Officers Come to Your Workplace:

1) **Stay calm and avoid panic.**

- Do not run away. If you need to leave, do so calmly and quietly.
- If stopped, ask if you are free to leave. If not, remain silent and state you wish to speak to a lawyer.



2) **Officers need authorization to enter non-public areas.**

- Immigration officers can only enter non-public areas of your workplace with a valid search warrant or your employer's consent.

3) **You are not required to answer questions.**

- Refuse to disclose information about your birthplace or immigration status.

4) **Protect your documents and rights.**

- You may refuse to show identity documents that reveal your country of origin.
- Avoid signing any documents without legal counsel.

For more information about your rights or to find out if you qualify for immigration relief, contact us:

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