



Know Your Rights 101: Resources

- Basic rights
 - Remain calm and do not resist.
 - You have the right to refuse consent to a search.
 - You have the right to remain silent.
 - You have the right to be treated with dignity and respect.
 - If arrested, ask for a lawyer and tell them you will remain silent.
 - Do not sign anything without a lawyer/attorney present.
 - You do not have to answer any questions regarding your status or criminal background.
 - In a situation with an ICE officer, ask: “Am I free to go?”
 - You have the right to a hearing before an immigration judge.
- Rights if stopped on the street
 - Police may not detain an individual unless suspected of criminal activity
 - Police may not stop and frisk unless with suspected possession of a weapon
 - Individuals do not have to speak to ICE or police officers.
 - If asked, immigrants with lawful status must show proof of legal status to ICE officers, but not to police officers.
- Rights if stopped in a vehicle
 - Police can only stop a vehicle if they have reasonable suspicion or warrant to search the vehicle.
- Rights if inside your home
 - Do not open your door– you can ask for their identification through a window and have a right to ask for an explanation as to why they are at your home.
 - Officers must have a warrant to search your home– you have the right to refuse a search.
 - In the case of an arrest, make sure someone you trust has the necessary documents and emergency numbers at hand.
 - If they enter your home
 - Tell them if there are any children or pets in the home
 - If entering without your permission, tell them that you do not consent to them being in your home and searching.
- Taking action
 - If the officer is violating your rights (or you witness this occurring), then record their badge and patrol car numbers. Take pictures if needed.
 - Individuals can also file a police complaint with the Internal Affairs Division of the police department.
- Prepare a plan
 - Compile emergency contact information consisting of family members, lawyers, etc.
 - Create a folder of critical documents and let a trusted individual be aware of its location.
 - (For individuals with children) Caregiver’s Authorization Affidavit– arrange plans for children in case of being arrested/detained.

Resources

- Guide by Immigrant Defense Project to Defend against ICE Raids
 - [ICE Raids Toolkit: Defend Against ICE Raids and Community Arrests - Immigrant Defense Project](#)

Reporting

- American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Mobile Justice App– allows individuals to record photos and videos that go directly to the ACLU
- Call 1-844-363-1423 if you witness an ICE Raid
- To file a complaint about ICE, contact the Office of Professional Responsibility at Joint.Intake@dhs.gov or 1-877-246-8253.

Legal Resources

- All NJ Pro Bono Legal Services Resources
 - <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoNJ/dl>
- Catholic Charities of Trenton
 - Access to Department of Justice case managers, assistance with translating documents and filling out forms, offers classes and other immigration information.
 - El Centro, 327 South Broad Street, Trenton NJ, 08608 – 609-394-2056
 - 725 Mantoloking Road, Brick, NJ 08723 – 732-363-5322 x3236
- El Centro Hispanoamericano
 - Affordable legal services, community programs, and advocacy.
 - 525 East Front Street Plainfield, NJ 07060 (908) 753 8730
- Lutheran Social Ministries of New Jersey
 - Low-cost immigration legal services– recognized by the US Department of Justice
 - 189 South Broad Street Trenton, NJ 08601 (609) 393 4900
- Latin American Legal Defense and Education Fund
 - Provides legal assistance and low-cost assistance with filling out forms and more.
 - Email consultas.legales@laldef.org or call (609) 688-0881 for free consultation
- NJ chapter of the National Lawyers Guild
 - Hotline at 908-818-0002.

Immigrant Advocacy Organizations

- List of immigrants' rights advocacy organizations in each area of NJ
 - [Immigrants' Rights Advocates Near You - New Jersey Alliance for Immigrant Justice \(njimmigrantjustice.org\)](#)
- Directory of Nonprofit Immigration Legal Services
 - [New Jersey Organizations - National Immigration Legal Services Directory - Nonprofit Resource Center \(immigrationadvocates.org\)](#)

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