

General Recommendations for avoiding and dealing with ICE:

- Know your rights:
  - DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
  - DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
  - DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
  - If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
  - If you are a passenger in a vehicle during a traffic stop, you are not required to provide identification.
- Avoid police by keeping car lights maintained.
- Keep digital copies of important documents somewhere that you and someone trusted can access quickly.

Documents which may be helpful, and should be prepared by an attorney:

- Delegation of Parental Authority (allowing a designated caretaker to act as parent)
- Deed (transferring title to real property to children)
- Last Will & Testament (including instructions for disposition of assets)
- Passports (for family members who are citizens, to enable visiting)

If arrested by ICE:

- Family can call ICE to find out if someone is in custody.
- Less than 2 years residency = less right to due process, deportation likely
- 2+ years residency = right to see an immigration judge
- 10+ year residency = possible defense against deportation, pathway to citizenship

Q. Will local police be working with ICE?

A. Local police do not work for ICE, but if ICE chooses to conduct an operation here, they will almost certainly work with local law enforcement.

Q. Could a warrant be valid if signed by a non-local judge?

A. Possibly – consult an attorney.

Q. What can be done about harassment by co-workers about immigration status?

A. File an EEOC complaint. An attorney can help.

Q. Will immigrants who have been convicted of misdemeanors be targeted by ICE?

A. Probably ICE will not seek out misdemeanor offenders. Treat any arrest as an immigration offense. Hire an attorney to attempt to prevent a conviction.

Q. Can ICE question children at school?

A. ICE is not known to come into schools or churches. But if they do come into schools, they can question children. Like adults, children have the right to refuse to answer.

Q. If you have an immigration case in process, are you less at risk of deportation?

A. Yes the risk is much lower.

Q. Penalties for helping immigrants?

A. Police do not have the authority to demand ID of vehicle passengers.

Q. What documents should I keep on me?

A. Driver license or consular card, plus digital copies of passport and other important ones.

Q. If I have a valid work permit, is it safe to visit someone held in ICE custody?

A. Yes