

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

When Encountering Law Enforcement or Immigration



# **PREPARE IN ADVANCE IF YOU SUSPECT YOU WILL BE CONTACTED**

- Remember to remain calm
- Be smart, be polite, but be quiet
- Make sure your family, children, friends, roommates, neighbors, co-workers know what to do



# RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS
- YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO A LAWYER
- IMMIGRATION STATUS DOES NOT CHANGE THIS RIGHT

\*\*\* REMEMBER\*\*\* IF ASKED, YOU MUST PROVIDE IDENTIFICATION OR YOU MAY BE DETAINED



# IF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR IMMIGRATION COMES TO YOUR DOOR

To Enter Your Home, Police or ICE Officer need

1) A valid warrant signed by a Judge or Magistrate

OR

2) Your Permission

Ask for Identification!

- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR!
- You could have given permission to enter by opening the door



# WARRANT

- You have the right to see the Warrant
- Ask the Officer to slide it under the door or hold it up to a window
- The warrant does NOT require you to answer questions.

## Types of Warrants

1. Arrest Warrant
2. Search Warrant



# READ THE WARRANT-IS IT VALID?

- Signed by a Judge or Magistrate
- Name is Correct for Arrest Warrant
- Address is Correct, if included
- Date is Current or very new
- An Order of Removal or Deportation is NOT a warrant
- Warrant is NOT Valid
- Tell the Officer the Warrant is Not Valid and to please leave
- Warrant is Valid
- Person named in the Warrant steps outside and closes door behind you
- Allow the Officers to enter to do the search



# PROTECT YOURSELF AND THOSE AROUND YOU

- Stay Calm
- Ask those in the home, in the car, around you to remain calm
- Do Not run
- Do Not give false information
- Have someone video tape the interaction (they must not interfere)



# WHAT IF I AM ON THE STREET? OR AT WORK?

- Before you say anything, even your name, ask “Am I free to go?” If the Officer says yes, walk away calmly. If the Officer says no, remain.
- If asked, you must provide identification or you may be detained.
- You have the RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT! Say out loud that you are doing to remain silent or show the Officer your Know Your Rights card.
- If you are searched or arrested, remain calm and remain silent. Do not resist or fight.



# I AM IN MY CAR

- Pull the car over safely. Put your hands on the steering wheel where the Officer can see them and roll your window down part way. Remain calm and tell the people in the car to remain calm.
- When the Officer asks for car registration, driver's license, and insurance provide them.
- You have the RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT
- If you do not have a driver's license or insurance, do NOT give false information or lie.
- If the Officer wants to search your car, state out loud you do not consent to a search. If the Officer still searches your car, do not interfere or fight, state again out loud you do not consent to the search.



# THINGS TO ALWAYS REMEMBER

- You have the right to remain silent. State your right out loud or show your card.
- Anything you say can be used against you
- Carry your U.S. identification or immigration papers
- Do not give false documents or lie. Never carry false documents.
- You have the right to speak to an attorney (an attorney may not be provided for free)
- Never run or fight
- You have the right to refuse to sign anything



# What you can do if you think you're witnessing police abuse or brutality?

- Stand at a safe distance and, if possible, use your phone to record video of what is happening. As long as you do not interfere with what the officers are doing and do not stand close enough to obstruct their movements, you have the right to observe and record events that are plainly visible in public spaces.
- Do not try to hide the fact that you are recording. Police officers do not have a reasonable expectation of privacy when performing their jobs.
- Police officers may not confiscate or demand to view your photographs or video without a warrant, and they may not delete your photographs or video under any circumstances. If an officer orders you to stop recording or orders you to hand over your phone, you should politely but firmly tell the officer that you do not consent to doing so, and remind the officer that taking photographs or video is your right under the First Amendment.



# YOU ARE NOT ALONE

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