

Know your rights in case of an Immigration Raid

It is extremely important that immigrants are informed and prepared in case of an Immigration /police raid. Knowing the following facts can help you and your family be in the best possible position in case of a raid, whether that is at work or your own home.

- Always be prepared and informed. Contact you immigration attorney and ask them any
 questions or share any concern that you might have. It is always a good idea to carry with
 you a card with your lawyer's name and phone number.
- Carry with you valid documentation such as State ID, Driver license, etc. These types of
 documentation do not disclose your immigration status. <u>Do not carry documentation</u>
 from your country of origin, as well as any false documentation.
- Don't allow any immigration (USCIS/Department of Homeland Security) official to your home unless they have a search warrant from a court. If the Immigration official mentions that they have a warrant, ask them to slide under the door and examine the warrant to ensure that your name, your address and a court signature has been included. This will help you know if the warrant is valid or not. A warrant signed by ICE is not valid documentation to enter your home unless you have pending criminal charges, in that case you are being arrested.
- Stay calm and be polite, in the contrary, any aggressive behavior may be used against you.
- **DO NOT SIGN ANY DOCUMENT**, without being able to talk to your lawyer first.
- Refuse to answer any questions regarding your legal status, or birth place without your lawyer being present.
- If any witnesses are present, make sure to write their names and contact information.
- Don't lie about name, in case that a family member or attorney needs to find where you are located.
- If you are detained,:keep calm. I you have children to take care off while you are gone, inform the official of your children and where they are located.

Every person whether legal or not have the following right

- You have the right to not speak unless your attorney is present
- You have the right to an attorney
- You have the right to make a phone call
- You have the right to have a hearing before an immigration judge

Please share this information with family, friends, and anybody you think would benefit from this very important information.

Sincerely.

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