



ICE HOME ARRESTS PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS



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Hang this on your door to remember key rights and details if ICE enters your home!

If officers come to my home, will I know they are from ICE?

Not always! **Beware:** ICE agents often pretend to be police and say they want to talk to you about identity theft or an ongoing investigation. If they say “Police,” ask them to slip their card under the door or to slip the warrant under the door.

Do I have to let ICE or police into my home?

You do not have to let ICE or police in unless **they have a warrant signed by a judge** giving them authorization to enter to arrest someone at your address. Ask them to slip the warrant under the door, before you open it. Most often ICE will NOT have a warrant, and will need your consent to come into your home. Opening the door does not mean that you consent.

“Please slip the warrant under the door”

“I do not want to answer any questions”

If ICE agents are inside my home, can I ask them to leave?

DO NOT LIE. DO NOT RUN OR PHYSICALLY RESIST ARREST.

Say, “**I do not want to answer any questions,**” and ask them to leave their contact information.

If they enter without consent, say “**I do not consent to this. Please leave the house.**”

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Can ICE walk through all rooms and search the home for specific people or items?

ICE is not supposed to search your home or belongings without your consent or without a judicial warrant. If they are inside and start to search, say “**I do not consent to this search. Please leave the house.**”

Repeat this, especially if they search for, take or try to photograph documents, even if they are not respecting your rights.

Do not give ICE passport or consular documents unless they have a search warrant signed by a judge listing those items. ICE agents often ask people to gather up their travel documents during an arrest. They are only doing this to help the government try to deport you. Say, “**I don’t want to bring my documents**” or “**I don’t want to give anything over.**” DO NOT give them false or invalid documentation.

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What should I remember if ICE agents are inside my home?

Tell them right away if: *There are **children or the elderly present.** *You are **ill, on medication, nursing or pregnant.** *You are the **primary caretaker for a loved one and need to arrange care.**

What information is important to remember about ICE in your home?

It is important for you or a loved one to observe how ICE agents acted at your home and to tell a lawyer. It may make a difference in the immigration case!

Please use the section on the back to take important notes after ICE leaves.

What can I do if my loved one was arrested by ICE?

If your loved one has been arrested by ICE, you can initiate the emergency plan. To learn more details on your rights with ICE visit immdefense.org/raids or email KYR@immdefense.org.

To locate your loved one: look online at locator.ice.gov or you can find a phone number for a particular facility at www.ice.gov/detention-facilities.

To find out your loved one's court date: call the Immigration Court at 800-898-7180. You will need their Alien number ("case number" or "A#"), which is an 8- or 9-digit number that appears on all immigration documents. If they did not have an A# before the arrest, they will be assigned one.

In some cases, your loved one may not be eligible to see an immigration judge (for example, if they returned without permission from Immigration after being previously deported).

Document what ICE agents did during their arrest below. Your loved one's lawyer may be able to use this information to support the immigration case.

AT THE DOOR:

Date: _____ What time of day? _____

How many officers? _____ Names: _____

Did they have guns drawn or were they touching their weapons? _____

How did their uniforms identify them? _____

Who did they say they were and why did they say they were there? _____

Did agents speak only English, or did anyone speak to you in your native language? _____

What did ICE say to get in the home? In what language? _____

Did they say who they were looking for? _____

If you live in a house, were ICE agents present at windows or in the back of the house? _____

Did they use verbal/physical force (banging hard on the door, yelling threats; touching, pushing person) to enter? How? _____

Who opened the door when they came in? Was the person 16 years old or younger? If so, how old? _____

ONCE ICE WAS INSIDE THE HOME:

Did you verbally refuse consent to enter? I said: _____

How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to enter? _____

Did you verbally refuse consent to search? I said: _____

How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to search? _____

When did they tell you they were from immigration (before arrest, after arrest)? _____

Did they yell at anyone? _____

Did they touch or draw weapons inside the home? If so, did they identify themselves as ICE beforehand? _____

Did they keep anyone from moving around freely? _____

Did they enter bedrooms? Did they ask for permission first? _____

Did they look in closets or drawers? Did they ask for permission first? _____

Did you tell them if there were kids in the house? What did they do? _____

Did they handcuff anyone in front of children? _____

Did you bring up concerns like the need for childcare or medical issues? I said: _____

How did they react? _____

Did they take pictures of documents? If so, whose? How did they get the documents? _____

Did they take fingerprints? If so, whose? _____