

Students in our school system come from 103 countries.

Speakers from Suffolk Law – specializing in immigration law - discussing

Your Rights with ICE

Advice: carry your immigration papers, do not travel to NH, Vermont, Maine and NY or any state that borders Canada and Mexico. There is more of a chance that you will encounter immigration “stops” there.

If you encounter an immigration official: you have a right to remain silent.

Often officials learn about your status by what you tell them. Silence does not indicate guilt.

1. If they come to your home:

- ***You have the right to not open the door. If you do open the door, you give them the right to enter.***
- ***Slip your card under the door, through mail slot, etc.***
- ***You do not have to offer up your name***
- ***Call a US Citizen***
- ***You have the right to call an attorney***
- ***ICE usually does not have warrants. If they say they have a warrant, ask them to slip it under the door or through a window. Do not open the door.***
- ***The only warrant is a true search warrant, signed by a judge with your name on it. ICE will say they have warrant, this is often not true. A warrant issued by an immigration office with your name on it, is not a search warrant. Very unlikely that they will have a warrant.***
- ***If ICE does come in, take detailed notes (how far did you open the door, how many officers, what language did they speak). This is very important.***

2. If stopped by ICE while driving:

- ***You can remain silent***
- ***They might ask for your fingerprints, you can refuse to admit***
- ***Stay calm, don't run, keep your hands where officers can see them***
- ***You have the right to ask if you can leave***

3. Workplace raids, in which they ask people to line up by status:

- ***If you get into line you are communicating. Stand in the middle of the room or otherwise, do not indicate your status.***

4. Worst case scenario/prepare:

- Memorize important phone numbers of friends, family or an attorney
- Have your materials-passport, kids birth certificates, etc.-in your house, so people can find them
- Designate someone to post a bond. This person has to be a citizen.
- Register all children born here with the consulate office
- Get passports for any children.

Ways to remain permanently in the US:

Someone who entered country on tourist visa and then got TPS and:

- Married a US Citizen
- Has a child, born here, who is over 21 (that child can sponsor them)

Someone who has left the country and come back in, already has TPS status

- Married a US Citizen
- Has a child, born here, who is over 21 (that child can sponsor them)
- Sibling who is a US citizen

Once you lose your TPS status you can apply for asylum

A "U" Visa

- Someone who was a victim of certain crimes (sexual assault, kidnapping) in the US
- Get an attorney, don't do it on your own

"T" Visa

- Someone who was brought in by someone else, via trafficking

Cancellation of removal – if you are in deportation proceedings

- Hardship if person is deported will fall on family (child with medical needs, etc.)

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Cambridge is a Sanctuary Community which means police/city will not support ICE by holding people. Etc.

95% of people going to court have no attorney.

Cambridge is creating a legal defense fund.

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