



IMMIGRANT  
DEFENSE  
PROJECT

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



## When ICE pulls over your car

Your rights in a car stop by ICE are similar to your rights in public. You should assert your rights even if ICE officers ignore you. Using these rights could help you fight a legal case!



# You have a right to **REFUSE TO BE FINGERPRINTED BY ICE UNLESS YOU ARE UNDER ARREST**

If the officers force you to take fingerprints, you have the right to ask questions about why you are being fingerprinted.

**Say:**

“Why am I being fingerprinted?”

“I don’t consent to being  
fingerprinted.”



# You have a right to **REFUSE A SEARCH OF YOUR CAR**

That includes your trunk and glove compartment.

**Instead, say:**

"I don't consent to this search."

"I don't want you to search my car."





You have a right to  
**REFUSE A SEARCH OF YOUR  
POCKETS BEYOND A PATDOWN  
FOR “OFFICER SAFETY”**

**Remember:** a pat-down does not include officers  
searching your pockets or your belongings

**Instead, say:**

“I don’t consent to this search.”

“I don’t want you to search my  
pockets.”



# You have the right to **ASK IF THE OFFICERS HAVE A WARRANT**

**Ask:**

"Do you have a warrant?"

**If ICE says NO**

Use your right to  
remain silent  
and say:

"I want to use my rights to not  
answer any questions."

"Why are you stopping me?"

"Am I free to go?"

**If ICE says YES**  
say:

"I don't want to answer your questions.  
I would like to see the warrant."



## Vehicle passengers have the right to **REFUSE TO GIVE AN ID**

Or to give any personal information, including:

- your name
- address
- place of birth

**Instead, say:**

"Am I free to go?"

"I don't consent to give you ID or  
answer your questions."





## You have a right to **ASK QUESTIONS**

To find out who the officers are and why they stopped your car:

"Are you the police?"

"Are you highway patrol?"

"Are you immigration?"

"Why am I being stopped?"



# You have a right to **LEAVE IF YOU ARE NOT UNDER ARREST**

**Ask:**

"Am I free to go?"

**If ICE says NO**

Use your right to remain silent and say:

"I want to use my right to not answer questions. I want to speak to a lawyer."

**If ICE says YES**

Say this and wait until the officer is a safe distance to drive or walk away.

"I don't want to answer your questions."





## You have a right to **REMAIN SILENT**

- **Do not** answer questions about your criminal or immigration history.
- **Do not** lie or show false documents.
- **Do not** run or resist arrest, because this could escalate the situation.
- **Do not** answer questions about your place of birth.

**Instead, say:**

"I want to use my right not to answer questions."

# REMINDERS

- ✱ It is legal to film ICE regardless of your immigration status.
- ✱ Make sure to film openly - some states have laws prohibiting secret recordings.
- ✱ Physically interfering or not complying with a direction to back up can put you in danger and risk your arrest.
- ✱ Even if an ICE agents tells you to stop recording, you can continue to do so as long as you do not interfere with the arrest.
- ✱ While there are only a few instances where ICE agents can take your phone, be aware that they may do so regardless of whether it is legal.

