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ICE PULLED OVER MY CAR!

What are my rights?
Frequently Asked Questions





DO I HAVE TO PULL OVER?

It's important to pull over!

In New York, if you are the driver, you must pull over if stopped by any law enforcement officer, even if you don't think you did anything wrong.

Be safe: If ICE is trying to pull you over and you do not stop, the ICE officers might use force or violence to stop your car.



HOW DO I KNOW WHO IS PULLING ME OVER?

Ask the officers to identify themselves.

Before you say anything else, ask:

- "Are you the police?"
- "Are you highway patrol?"
- "Are you immigration?"
- "Why am I being stopped?"

Be safe: ICE officers often use unmarked cars and wear plain clothes or vests that say "POLICE." They do not reveal that they are ICE.



DO I HAVE TO ROLL DOWN MY WINDOW?

Only roll down your window if the officer asks. If you are asked, you can partially roll down the window.

Before you say anything else, ask:

- "Am I free to go?"
- "Who are you?"
- "Why am I being stopped?"

Be safe: ICE may not wait for you to roll down the window. They may just open the door or break the window to pull you or someone else out of the car.



DO I HAVE TO GIVE OFFICERS MY ID?

Drivers Show a driver's license or another ID issued from the U.S. government.

- Do not give the officer any false or foreign documents such as a passport, consular ID, or an expired visa.

Passengers Do not have to show the officer an ID or give any personal information, including name, address, or place of birth.

Be safe: Ask the officers to identify themselves before showing any ID or answering any questions.



DO I HAVE TO GIVE OFFICERS MY NAME?

No one has to give ICE their personal information, including name, address, or place of birth.

Before you answer any questions, say:

- "Am I free to go?"
- "I don't consent to give you an ID or answer your questions."

Be safe: Don't answer any questions about your immigration or criminal history.



DO I HAVE TO GET OUT OF THE CAR?

ICE officers can order you to get out of the car for “officer safety.” They might arrest you when you get out of the car.

Before you get out, ask:

- “Am I free to go?”
- “Who are you?”
- “Why am I being stopped?”

Be safe: ICE may not wait for you to get out of the car. They may just open the door or break the window to pull you or someone else out of the car.



CAN ICE SEARCH ME, MY POCKETS OR CAR?

ICE cannot search anything without a judicial warrant or your consent!

- That includes your car glove compartment or trunk.
- ICE officers can only pat you above the clothes for “officer safety” or during an arrest.

Be safe: If ICE searches you or your car (including glove compartment or trunk), you can still say you don’t consent.



DO I HAVE TO GIVE ICE MY FINGERPRINTS?

ICE officers can only take your fingerprints if they reasonably suspect you violated an immigration law or if they arrest you.

If the officers do not know who you are or you suspect they are asking for your fingerprints based on the way you look, say:

- “Why am I being fingerprinted?”
- “I don’t consent to being fingerprinted.”

Be safe: Don’t resist if ICE still forces you to take fingerprints. Tell the officers you don’t consent - it might help you in an immigration case.



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[IMMIGRANTDEFENSEPROJECT.ORG/KYR](https://immigrantdefenseproject.org/kyr)

Remember: If you or a loved one could be at risk of an ICE arrest, speak to an attorney for individualized advice.