

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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This card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked with a lawyer.

PLEASE HELP ME CALL MY CONTACT

I was detained by ICE.

My Name:

My Phone:

My Email:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact Email:

SEVIS ID:

A-Number (if applicable):

Other Notes:

DO NOT ANSWER OR OPEN THE DOOR

Recordings exist where ICE/DHS appear in plainclothes, claiming to do a “welfare check” to get people to open the door. They are allowed to mislead you. Be wary of strangers.

IS ICE/DHS TRYING TO ENTER?

They are not allowed to enter non-public areas: faculty offices, dorms, behind locked doors, etc.

- **DO NOT ANSWER OR OPEN THE DOOR**
- **DO NOT SPEAK TO THEM** if possible
- If you are alone, **VIDEO CALL A FRIEND** and ask them to come help you. Ask them to record too.
- Only open the door if they have a **WARRANT SIGNED BY A REAL JUDGE** with **YOUR FULL NAME AND CORRECT ADDRESS**.
 - An administrative warrant, warrant of deportation / removal, ICE warrant, etc **DOES NOT COUNT**.
 - Ask them to slip the warrant under the door for your inspection, **VERIFY** it is real with CMU first!
 - **Send a picture of the warrant** to a friend ASAP.

If ICE/DHS forces their way in, **DO NOT RESIST (they may be armed)**; get yourself on record saying “I do not consent to your entry”. Ask for their names and agency. Say that **you are not obstructing their process** but **you need to call your lawyer** first to verify they are real agents.

DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING

 until you consult a lawyer!

CMU Resources (try calling top to bottom):

- CMU OIE: 412 268 5231
- CMU Operator: 412 268 2000
 - Ask for OGC, the Office of General Counsel
- CMU Police: 412 268 2323 (more info on back of card)



GOING ABOUT YOUR DAY

- Carry around photocopies of proof of status: I-20, I-94, US Visa Stamp, EAD if applicable
- Use a buddy system, avoid going around alone

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS IF YOU ARE DETAINED

- Give them the message card and **remain silent**.
- **Do NOT sign anything** without talking to a lawyer!
- **Do NOT discuss immigration or citizenship status** with anyone but your own lawyer.
- **You have the right to consult with a lawyer.**
- Bookmark one now. If you don't have one, say you're calling your lawyer and call CMU OIE (412 268 5231) or CMU OGC (412 268 2000).
- If arrested by police, you have the right to a government lawyer; if arrested by ICE, you don't (but still have the right to call a lawyer!).

- **Do NOT let them search you** or your belongings unless they have a judicial warrant (i.e., real judge).
- **Do NOT volunteer information** that is not requested!
- **Do NOT lie or provide fake documents.** Stay calm and polite. Remember, you are **not obstructing** ICE/DHS, you are just verifying their claims before opening the door. They may be kidnappers / robbers.

WHERE IS SAFE?

- ICE is allowed to enter public areas of campus (indoors and outdoors), you still have your rights.
- Non-public areas include: faculty offices, student residence hall rooms, doors locked with keys / ID. ICE agents are **NOT ALLOWED** in these areas unless they have a **judicially issued** search warrant; report any sightings to CMU's Office of General Counsel.

TO IMMIGRATION OR OTHER OFFICER

I am exercising my 5th Amendment right under the U.S. Constitution to remain silent. I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or give you any documents **without a lawyer present**. I do not give you permission to enter my home or search my person or belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights under the U.S. Constitution, unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name and correct address on it that you slide under the door.

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