

**STAY ON THE SAFE SIDE:**

- Be polite and calm.
- Never lie or give false information to an immigration agent or police. It is better to stay silent.
- Do not carry false ID.
- Try not to get in trouble with police.
- Do not travel across borders.
- Carry the name and phone number of an immigration attorney who will take your calls.
- If you do not know an attorney who will take your calls, carry the name and number of a trusted friend who you can call.

**IF YOU ARE ARRESTED:**

- Give the name or card of your attorney to the immigration agent or police officer. Ask to speak to your attorney.
- If you do not have an attorney, ask for the list of free or low cost legal services in your area.
- Do not sign anything without talking to an attorney.
- Do not sign anything in a language you do not read.

It is illegal for government agents or police to pick someone out for questioning because of his or her ethnicity or race.

You have a right to be treated with dignity and respect. If you are beaten, threatened, called racist names, or mistreated, you have a right to complain about that treatment.

Be aware that just because you know your rights and choose to exercise them, it does not mean that the police will necessarily follow the law and respect your rights.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN MISTREATED BY THE POLICE OR IMMIGRATION AGENTS, CALL THE LAWYERS' COMMITTEE FOR CIVIL RIGHTS  
415) 543-9444.

IF YOU ARE FACING DEPORTATION, CALL  
**CANAL ALLIANCE (415) 454-2640.** WE CAN HELP YOU UNDERSTAND YOUR CASE AND HELP YOU FIND AN ATTORNEY.

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

## WHAT TO DO IF...

- You are stopped by immigration agents or police while on foot.
- Your car is pulled over by immigration agents or police.
- Immigration agents or police come to your home.



## YOUR RIGHTS ON FOOT

- First, always ask the agent or police if you are free to go. If they say yes, you have an absolute right to remain silent and leave. Leave calmly – walk, don't run. If you run away, they can legally hold you because you have done something "suspicious."
- If you do not want to talk to the agent or police, you may hand them a card with your attorney's name on it, or the Rights Card that you can cut out below. Then walk away calmly.
- If the agents or police say that you are not free to go, you should give them your name. You do not have to give them any more information. You do not have to give your address, immigration status, information about where you were born, or where you are from. It is better not to give anything more than your name.

### RIGHTS CARD

I am giving you this card because I do not wish to speak to you or to have any further contact with you. I choose to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. If you arrest me, I will continue to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions.



## YOUR RIGHTS IN YOUR CAR

- If immigration agents or police signal you to stop your car, you must pull over.
- Immigration agents might ask short questions about your name, immigration status, where country you are from, and your travel plans. You do not have to answer any question other than giving your name.
- Police officers may ask for your name, drivers license and vehicle registration. You should show these documents if you have them. You do not have to answer any other questions.
- If an agent or officer asks to search your car, you may refuse to give him permission.
- If an agent or officer questions a passenger, the passenger should ask if he or she has to answer. If the agent or officer says yes, the passenger has to give his or her name, but does not have to give any other information. You do not have to give your address, immigration status, information about where you were born, or where you are from. It is better not to give anything more than your name.



## YOUR RIGHTS AT YOUR HOME

- You do not have to open the door to any immigration agent or police officer unless they have a search warrant from a court.
- If you do not want to let an agent or officer inside, do not open the door. Ask the agent or officer, through the door, if they have a search warrant from a court allowing them to search your home.
- If you live in someone else's house, you still do not have to open the door unless the agents or police have a search warrant from a court.
- If the agents or police show you a search warrant, and you are arrested, tell them that you wish to remain silent and will not answer any questions until you can talk to a lawyer. If you do not want to talk to the agent or police, you may hand them your attorney's card or the RIGHTS CARD in this pamphlet.