



# ICE HOME ARRESTS PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS



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Hang this on your door to remember key rights and details if ICE enters your home!

## What can I do if ICE officers are at my door? Do I have to let ICE into my home?

You do not have to let ICE in unless **they have a warrant signed by a judge** giving them authorization to enter to arrest someone at your address. Ask them to slip the warrant under the door, before you open it. ICE will most likely try to enter your home without a warrant and needs consent from an adult to enter. Opening the door does not mean that you consent.

**“Please slip the warrant under the door”**

**“I do not want to answer any questions”**

**“I do not consent to this. Please leave the house.”**

## If ICE agents are inside my home, can I ask them to leave?

**DO NOT LIE. DO NOT SHOW FALSE DOCUMENTS. DO NOT RUN OR PHYSICALLY RESIST ARREST.**

Say, **“I do not want to answer any questions,”** and ask agents to leave their contact information.

If they enter without consent, say **“I do not consent to this. Please leave the house.”**

## Can ICE walk through all rooms and search the home for specific people or items?

ICE is not supposed to search your home or belongings without your consent if they do not have a judicial warrant. If they are inside and start to search, say **“I do not consent to this search. Please leave the house.”**

Keep saying this, especially if they search for, take or try to photograph documents. They may not listen but it is important for you to exercise this right and tell a lawyer later. It may help you or a loved one in the future.

Do not give ICE passport or consular documents unless they have a search warrant signed by a judge listing those items. ICE agents often ask people to gather up their travel documents during an arrest. They are only doing this to help the government try to deport you. Say, **“I don’t want to bring my documents”** or **“I don’t want to give anything over.”** DO NOT give them false or invalid documentation (e.g. fake Social Security card or expired immigration visa).

**“I do not consent to this search. Please leave the house.”**

**“I don’t want to bring my documents”**

**“I don’t want to give anything over.”**

## What should I remember if ICE agents are inside my home?

Tell them right away if: **\*There are children or the elderly present. \*You are ill, on medication, nursing or pregnant. \*You are the primary caretaker for a loved one and need to arrange care.**

## What information is important to remember about ICE in your home?

It is important for you or a loved one to observe how ICE agents acted at your home and to tell a lawyer. It may make a difference in the immigration case!

**Please use the section on the back to take important notes after ICE leaves.**

If your loved on has been arrested by ICE, you can initiate the emergency plan. To learn more details on your rights with ICE visit [www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/community-trainings#homeraids](http://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/community-trainings#homeraids) KYR@immdefense.org. To report an ICE raid in NYC, contact 212-725-6422. To report raids outside of NY, contact United We Dream at 1-844-343-1623.

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## What can I do if my loved one was arrested by ICE?

To locate your loved one: look online at [locator.ice.gov](http://locator.ice.gov) or you can find a phone number for a particular facility at [www.ice.gov/detention-facilities](http://www.ice.gov/detention-facilities).

To find out your loved one's court date: call the Immigration Court at 800-898-7180. You will need their Alien number ("case number" or "A#"), which is an 8- or 9-digit number that appears on all immigration documents. If they did not have an A# before the arrest, they will be assigned one.

In some cases, your loved one may not be eligible to see an immigration judge (for example, if they returned without permission from Immigration after being previously deported). If they are detained, eligible to see a judge and from NYC, they may be able to get a free attorney through the New York Immigrant Family Unity Project (NYIFUP).

### Family members can receive free legal advice for criminal-immigration cases from Immigrant Defense Project's helpline at 212-725-6422

Document what ICE agents did during their arrest below. Your loved one's lawyer may be able to use this information to support the immigration case.

#### AT THE DOOR:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ What time of day? \_\_\_\_\_

How many officers? \_\_\_\_\_ Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Did they have guns drawn or were they touching their weapons? \_\_\_\_\_

How did their uniforms identify them? \_\_\_\_\_

Who did they say they were and why did they say they were there? \_\_\_\_\_

Did agents speak only English, or did anyone speak to you in your native language? \_\_\_\_\_

What did ICE say to get in the home? In what language? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they say who they were looking for? \_\_\_\_\_

If you live in a house, were ICE agents present at windows or in the back of the house? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they use verbal/physical force (banging hard on the door, yelling threats; touching, pushing person) to enter? How? \_\_\_\_\_

Who opened the door when they came in? Was the person 16 years old or younger? If so, how old? \_\_\_\_\_

#### ONCE ICE WAS INSIDE THE HOME:

Did you verbally refuse consent to enter? I said: \_\_\_\_\_

How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to enter? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you verbally refuse consent to search? I said: \_\_\_\_\_

How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to search? \_\_\_\_\_

When did they tell you they were from immigration (before arrest, after arrest)? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they yell at anyone? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they touch or draw weapons inside the home? If so, did they identify themselves as ICE beforehand? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they keep anyone from moving around freely? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they enter bedrooms? Did they ask for permission first? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they look in closets or drawers? Did they ask for permission first? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you tell them if there were kids in the house? What did they do? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they handcuff anyone in front of children? \_\_\_\_\_

Did you bring up concerns like the need for childcare or medical issues? I said: \_\_\_\_\_

How did they react? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they take pictures of documents? If so, whose? How did they get the documents? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they take fingerprints? If so, whose? \_\_\_\_\_