



**Be Smart.
Be Prepared.
Be Safe.**

**YOU HAVE THE
RIGHT TO:**



Remain Silent and not answer questions.



Refuse Searches or Entry without a warrant signed by a Judge.



Know if and why you are being detained or arrested.



Refuse to sign anything and ask to speak to an attorney.



Record what is happening to you and others.

Know Your Rights!

We are glad you are here and we want to help. If ICE shows up in our neighborhoods, we will try to keep you informed. More information about us and how to prepare is on the second page.

It's important to be prepared before you encounter ICE.

- Carry a copy of ID documents (passport, VISA, work authorization, SS card, green card)
- Share important information with a trusted friend; a US citizen might be best (full name, A-number, birthdate, home country)
- Form a plan with a trusted friend to manage your personal affairs if are detained (childcare, bank info, bills that need to be paid)
- Register with a legal aid group NOW so they can be available to you. It will be much harder to find someone available later.
- Carry a card with important telephone numbers in case they take your phone (trusted friend, legal aid, New American Hotline 800-566-7636
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If ICE Detains You:

- **Do NOT run.**
- **Don't lie. You don't have to answer questions, but you must be honest.**
- **Ask someone to video what ICE says and does.**
- **Do not sign anything without legal advice.**
- **Call you family member or trusted friend; ask them to contact your legal aid group or call the New American Hotline for advice.**

Here's additional Information about Cooperstown Oneonta Indivisible and efforts to work together in support of our immigrant friends:

- The Cooperstown Indivisible is a local non-partisan group working to resist Trump's anti-democracy policies. We are part of a national movement of other local groups organizing throughout America. A focus of Indivisible is to resist ICE and anti-immigration actions. To learn more about Indivisible visit Indivisible.org.
- Cooperstown Indivisible cares about law-abiding immigrants who live and work amongst us. We appreciate the work they do for our local businesses. We want our immigrant friends to be safe and comfortable. As a result, we are willing to watch for ICE and use social media to alert the community if present.
- Cooperstown Indivisible is forming partnership with several legal aid groups which provide "assistance with naturalization, adjustment of status, family reunification, asylum, employment authorization, travel documents, temporary protected status, deportation and removal defense." One such program is **Hiscock Legal Aid Society** and can be reached by phone at **(315) 422-8191** or email at mail@hlalaw.org.
- If you are not a U.S. Citizen--especially if you have children--you should plan ahead. Keep important documents in a safe place that other family members or a trusted friend know about. Legally designate someone to be the caretaker of your children. (For more information, visit vlpcny.org/gethelp/immigration/planning-for-immigrant-parents). Give these individuals your A-number, birthdate, and country of origin. With this information these individuals can better support you in the ICE detention system.
- It is very important that you connect with a legal aid group as early in your immigration process as possible, especially before detention occurs. Making connection is safe and easy. It starts with a phone call or email, as described above.
- If ICE comes to your home, you do NOT have to open the door unless they have a warrant signed by a judge (NOT an ICE officer). You do not have to answer ICE questions--but do not run or try to hide.
- If ICE comes to your work, and you are in a non-public space, ICE cannot enter that space without a warrant.
- If ICE stops you while in a car, only the driver needs to show ICE their license or registration, but they can decline to answer questions about their citizenship, nationality, or immigration status.
- It is a good idea to ask a bystander to use their phone to video ICE, but to stay out of the way. ICE cannot make them stop. They should keep the video for evidence, but not share it with the press.
- If you are detained, you have the right to make a phone call to a family member or legal aid group. At a minimum you can call the **National Immigration Detention Hotline, by dialing 9233#** from a facility phone. The hotline is free, unmonitored, and available Mon-Fri, 11am-11pm. Depending upon where you are detained other hotlines may be available. Family and friends can figure this out.
- If you are detained, you do not have to sign any documents without first talking to a lawyer.
- Family and friends can find a person currently in ICE custody at <http://locator.ice.gov>, once they have been in a center for over 24 hours, by entering the detainee's A-Number, Name, country of birth, and birth date. (We are finding that detainees may be moved from center to center, even across state lines.)
- Family and Friends can also identify a detainee's next court date at <http://acis.eoir.justice.gov>, again using the same information.
- If you arrived in the U.S. less than 2 years ago, we are finding that you are at a greater risk of being arrested by ICE and quickly deported. This process is called expedited removal.

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