Know Your Rights & Know Your Resources

Trump is making racist threats to send troops & Feds to Chicago, which puts all our safety at risk. So it's important that we all know our resources and know what resources are available to ALL Chicagoans.

NOTE: Regardless of the type of officer - a police officer, ICE/federal agent, or National Guard member - you have the same rights on the streets and in your homes. It is important to know your rights and assert them.

What you can do if you are stopped by ICE/Police/Military on the street or in a public space

- **You can ask: "Am I free to go?"** If yes, then calmly walk (not run) away.
- If you are stopped, you have the right to **remain silent**.
  - You have the right not to share your immigration status.
  - **You can say "I wish to exercise my right to remain silent" or "I will not answer any questions without first speaking with my lawyer."**
- **You can also say: "I do not consent to a search."**
  - An officer can pat down if they have reasonable suspicion you are armed & dangerous. (A pat down is when an officer pats the outside of your clothes.)
  - Physically resisting an officer is illegal and can lead to federal or state criminal charges even if the stop/arrest is illegal.

What you can do if ICE/Police/Military come to your home

- You have the right not to open your door unless you see a valid warrant.
- ICE officers need to have a warrant signed by a Judge to enter your home.
- Other officers need a search warrant signed by a Judge to come into your home.
- Any warrant must also state the correct address and must be used by agents within the time frame stated in the warrant.
- You can ask officers to slide the warrant under the door or hold the warrant up to a window or peephole.

What to know about being stopped by federal agents, including Customs and Border Protection Officers at a check point or on public transportation

- You have the right to remain silent or tell the agent that you'll only answer questions in the presence of an attorney, no matter your citizenship or immigration status.

    - Even though you always have the right to remain silent, if you don't answer questions to establish your citizenship, officials may detain you longer in order to verify your immigration status.
- Agents should not ask questions unrelated to verifying citizenship, or hold you for an extended time without reasonable suspicion of an immigration or federal law violation.

Document the Actions of ICE/Police/Military Agents

- You have the right film ICE/Police/Military agents.
- Try to document the location, date, time, names, badge #s, license plate #s, types of vehicle(s), color of uniforms or plain clothes of ICE agents. Also try to document what the officers/agents do, whether they block anyone's movements or use force or intimidation, and whether they seize any items or question or arrest any people.
- If you witness ICE activity, call ICIRR's hotline to report the incident: 855-435-7693.

Legal Support Hotlines for Responding to Possible Federal Law Enforcement Deployment in Chicago

- **Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights (ICIRR) Family Support Network (855-435-7693)**: Report ICE sightings and arrests, seek help with immigration & other legal services. Spanish/English, 7am-9pm.
- **First Defense Legal Aid's Help Not Jail Hotline (1-800-LAW-REP4 / 800-529-7374)**: Trauma-informed hotline to find civil rights counsel for police abuse, report federal law enforcement misconduct, connect to stationhouse defense, & get referrals to community & legal resources. English/Spanish, 24/7/365.
- **Cook County Public Defender's Arrest Response Hotline (844-817-4448)**: Free lawyers to represent people in police custody in Chicago or any other city or town in Cook County. 24/7/365.
- **National Lawyers Guild-Chicago (872-4NLG-CHI / 872-465-4244):** Free lawyers to represent people arrested *during protests or for political activity* while in police custody or in court.
- **GI Rights Hotline (877-447-4487)**: Legal support for military members and families.

More Know Your Rights Information

- Immigration: Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights' KYR When Interacting with Immigration Officers
- Federal Agent Door Knocks: Center for Constitutional Rights: If An Agent Knocks
- Checkpoints: ACLU's Know Your Rights: 100 Mile Border Zone
- Protest for Non-Immigrants: Chicago NLG's Know Your Rights: A Guide for Chicago Activists
- Protest for Immigrants: CUNY Clear's Know Your Rights While Protesting as Non-Citizens
- About Face's Know Your Rights for National Guard/Military Members who have concerns about mobilizing against civilians.
- DCFS: National Center for Youth Law: Know Your Rights in Illinois DCFS Investigations