# **WHAT IMMIGRANTS SHOULD KNOW**

**If one encounters ICE agents**

* Don’t lie about immigration status or provide false documents.
* Anyone over the age of 18 should carry paperwork at all times.
* Don’t run, argue, resist or fight officers.
* Keep hands where police can see them and let them know if you need to reach into a glove compartment or wallet to provide papers.

**What to do during a traffic stop**

* Ask the agent if they're a police officer or if they're from Immigration and Customs Enforcement or Customs and Border Protection to determine what information needs to be provided.
* If you are a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status provide either a passport, legal permanent resident card, work permit or other documentation of status.
* Anyone in the country without authorization has the right to remain silent.
* Do not discuss immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents or other officials as anything told to an officer can later be used in immigration court.

**When approached by ICE at home**

* Do not open the door if an officer knocks on it.
* Remind children not to open the door.
* Officers must have a warrant signed by a judge to enter a home.
* ICE “warrants” aren't signed by judges, but ICE forms are signed by ICE officers and they don't grant authority to enter a home without consent of the occupant(s).

**When you see ICE agents outside**

* Move to a safe space indoors.
* If you are a U.S. citizen and feel safe to do so, record the activity with your phone or write down any important information about what you witness.
* Don't post unverified information on social media.
* Don't interfere with the investigation or put oneself in harm's way.

Know Your Rights toolkit:

<https://www.ilrc.org/resources/community/know-your-rights-toolkit>

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