

Call your local ACLU or visit [www.aclu.org/profiling](http://www.aclu.org/profiling).

**File a written complaint** with the agency's internal affairs division or civilian complaint board. In most cases, you can file a complaint anonymously if you wish.

**Write down everything you remember**, including officers' badge and patrol car numbers, which agency the officers were from, and any other details. Get contact information for witnesses. If you are injured, take photographs of your injuries (but seek medical attention first).

**Remember: police misconduct cannot be challenged on the street.** Don't physically resist officers or threaten to file a complaint.

### IF YOU FEEL YOUR RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED

**Keep a copy of your immigration documents with someone you trust.**

**Remember your immigration number ("A" number) and give it to your family.** It will help family members locate you.

**Do not sign anything**, such as a voluntary departure or stipulated removal, without talking to a lawyer. If you sign, you may be giving up your opportunity to try to stay in the U.S.

**Tell the ICE agent you wish to remain silent.** Do not discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.

You have the right to **contact your consulate** or have an officer inform the consulate of your arrest.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU'RE STOPPED BY POLICE, IMMIGRATION AGENTS OR THE FBI

### YOUR RIGHTS

- You have the right to remain silent. If you wish to exercise that right, say so out loud.
- You have the right to refuse to consent to a search of yourself, your car or your home.
- If you are not under arrest, you have the right to calmly leave.
- You have the right to a lawyer if you are arrested. Ask for one immediately.
- Regardless of your immigration or citizenship status, you have constitutional rights.

### YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

- Do stay calm and be polite.
- Do not interfere with or obstruct the police.
- Do not lie or give false documents.
- Do prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested.
- Do remember the details of the encounter.
- Do file a written complaint or call your local ACLU if you feel your rights have been violated.

free or low-cost legal services.

**You have the right to a lawyer**, but the government does not have to provide one for you. If you do not have a lawyer, ask for a list of

### IF YOU ARE TAKEN INTO IMMIGRATION (OR "ICE") CUSTODY

the papers, tell the officer you need an interpreter.

• Read all papers fully. If you do not understand or cannot read the papers, tell the officer you need an interpreter.

• While you are in jail, an immigration agent may visit you. Do not answer questions or sign anything before talking to a lawyer.

• Don't discuss your immigration status with anyone but your lawyer.

• Ask your lawyer about the effect of a criminal conviction or plea on your immigration status.

**Prepare yourself and your family in case you are arrested.** Memorize the phone numbers of your family and your lawyer.

Make emergency plans if you have children or take medication.

**Special considerations for non-citizens:**

• **Do not resist arrest**, even if you believe the arrest is unfair.

• **Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately.** Don't give any explanations or excuses. If you can't pay for a lawyer, you have the right to a free one. Don't say anything, sign anything or make any decisions without a lawyer.

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