

# TIPS FOR IMMIGRANTS IN NYC



## It's the job of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to detain the following people:

- Those who return to the United States after being deported
- People who are living illegally in the United States
- People who are legal but have a criminal record

## According to ICE's policy, people should not be detained in:

- Schools.
- Religious institutions or funeral homes.
- Hospitals.
- Public protests or demonstrations.

## In order for ICE to enter a home, they need:

- A legal document signed by a judge.
- The resident's permission to enter the home.

## Tactics that ICE uses to enter a home:

- Sometimes they use uniforms similar to police uniforms and wear bulletproof vests.
- Sometimes they dress like civilians and say that they are police or federal agents.
- Usually they carry a document that says GUARANTOR signed by an ICE supervisor.
- Tactics like lying and intimidation are frequently used.
- Some of the lies that ICE has used to enter homes have been: "We are looking for a criminal/suspect/fugitive," or "We need to speak to you about possible criminal problems."

## ICE in NYC public schools:

- The New York City Police Department (NYPD) is in charge of keeping the city's public schools safe and is authorized to access school facilities in accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the DOE and the NYPD, and the Chancellor's Provisions. NYPD officers and the school's security agents follow NYPD policy regarding police action in schools.
- Non-local law enforcement agents, including ICE agents, can only gain access to school facilities or school students under one of the following circumstances: with consent, with a court order, or in extreme circumstances.

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## You have the right to:

- Deny ICE entrance to your home.
- Refuse to have your home searched.
- Stay silent.
- Refuse to give information about your immigration status or your criminal history.
- Refuse to sign documents.
- Say “I’m not going to answer any questions without the presence of a lawyer.”
- Ask to be given your rights in your own language if you don't speak English.

## What you should NOT do:

- You shouldn't lie to ICE agents.
- Do not physically interfere with the agents when they are arresting a family member or another person.
- You shouldn't show them false documents.

## DOCUMENTS THAT YOU SHOULD AND SHOULDN'T PROVIDE

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### You can provide the following documents:

- Municipal identification card (i.e. NYC-ID)
- Library card
- United States driver's license
- Green card

### It is not recommended to provide:

- Your passport.
- Your consulate identification.
- Expired residency or other documents that are not yours or that are false.

For information about raids in New York, contact the Immigrant Defense Project (IDP) at (212) 725-6422.

For a free consultation or more information, visit [www.immigrantdefenseproject.org](http://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org)