



WHAT TO DO IF...

You are stopped by Immigration Agents or Police while on foot

Your car is pulled over by immigration agents or police

Immigration Agents or police come to your home

ON FOOT:

First, always ask the agents or police if you are free to go. If they say yes, you have an absolute right to remain silent and leave. If you do not want to talk to the agents or police, you may hand the agent your attorney's card, or the Rights Card, and go. You have the absolute right not to answer any questions posed to you.

If the agents or police say that you are not free to go, you should give them your name. You do not have to give any other information, such as your address or immigration status.

AT YOUR HOME:

You do not have to open the door to any immigration agent or police officer unless they have a search warrant from a court.

If you do not want to let an agent or officer inside, do not open the door. Ask the agent or officer, through the door, if they have a search warrant from a court allowing them to search your home. You have a right to review the warrant.

If you live in someone else's house, you still do not have to open the door unless the agents or police have a search warrant from a court.

IN YOUR CAR:

If immigration agents or police signal you to stop your car, you must pull over. Immigration agents may ask brief questions about your name, immigration status, nationality, and travel plans. You do not have to answer any questions other than giving your name and driver's license.

Police officers may ask for your name, drivers license and vehicle registration. You should show these documents if you have them. You do not have to answer any other questions.

If an agent or officer asks to search your car, you may refuse to give him permission.

If an agent or officer questions a passenger, that person should ask if he or she has to answer. If the agent or officer says yes, the passenger has to give his or her name, but does not have to give any other information. The agent may ask you and your passenger to exit the car.

IT IS ILLEGAL FOR AGENTS OR POLICE TO PICK SOMEONE OUT FOR QUESTIONING BECAUSE OF HIS OR HER ETHNICITY OR RACE.

YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO BE TREATED WITH DIGNITY AND RESPECT. IF YOU ARE BEATEN, THREATENED, CALLED RACIST NAMES, OR MISTREATED, YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THAT TREATMENT.

BE AWARE THAT JUST BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AND CHOOSE TO EXERCISE THEM DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE AGENTS OR POLICE WILL FOLLOW THE LAW AND RESPECT YOUR RIGHTS.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES:

Be polite and calm.

Never lie or give false information to an immigration agent or police.

Do not carry false ID.

Carry the name and phone number of an immigration attorney who will take your calls.

IF YOU ARE ARRESTED:

You do not have to answer any questions.

Give the name or card of your attorney to the agents, and ask to speak to your attorney. You also have a right to speak to your consulate.

If you do not have an attorney, ask for the list of free legal services for your area.

Ask for an interpreter if you do not fully understand what is being said.

Do not sign anything in a language you do not read.



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TO LEARN MORE ABOUT YOUR RIGHTS CONTACT:

ACLU of North Carolina

(919) 834-3466
www.acluofnorthcarolina.org

El Pueblo, Inc.

(919) 835-1525
www.elpueblo.org

North Carolina Justice Center

(919) 856-2570
www.ncjustice.org

FOR IMMIGRATION QUESTIONS CONTACT:

NC Justice Immigration Legal Assistance Project

Tuesday 9:00 am – 5:00 pm only
(888) 251-2776 or (919) 856-2159

Catholic Social Ministries

(252) 355-5111 (Greenville)
(919) 832-0225 (Raleigh)
(910) 251-8130 (Wilmington)

Casa Guadalupe

(336) 727-4745

International House

(704) 333-8099

Legal Services of Southern Piedmont

(800) 247-1931



MY RIGHTS CARD

I am giving you this card because I do not wish to speak to you or have any further contact with you. I choose to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. If you arrest me, I will continue to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. I want to speak with a lawyer before answering your questions.



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If you have further questions about the information discussed in the brochure, you should consult an attorney. It is suggested that you write down all questions prior to meeting with an attorney to ensure that your questions are answered directly and promptly.

