



# You Have Rights!

**Documented and Undocumented  
Immigrants Have Protection  
Under U.S. and International Laws**

*If the police, FBI, or immigration authorities stop or detain you:*



- *DO* tell them if you have children at home who need your care. In raids in other parts of the country, parents of young children were less likely to be detained.
- *DO NOT* respond to any other questions before speaking with a lawyer. Say, “I wish to talk to a lawyer.”
- *DO* ask to speak with a lawyer. Immigration authorities should give you a list of low-cost and free legal services in your area.
- *DO NOT* sign anything before speaking with a lawyer.
- *DO NOT* allow anyone to enter your home unless they have a court order.
- *DO* ask to see a judge.
- *DO* ask to speak with someone from your home country’s consulate (unless you have a fear of being harmed in your home country).

**The National Immigrant Justice Center provides low-cost and free legal services to immigrants. Keep these phone numbers, along with your A number, with you at all times.**

***If you are detained, call collect (312) 263-0901***

***If you are not detained, call (312) 660-1370***

## **You Have Rights Under International Law**

Several international treaties give protections to immigrants, including the United Nations Declaration on Human Rights, the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations. These treaties give you the right to:

- Know why you are being arrested
- Speak to a lawyer
- Be given the time and resources to prepare your court case
- Have a day in court in front of a judge
- Be treated humanely, no matter your race, nationality, or religion
- Speak to your home country's consulate

## **You Have Rights Under U.S. Law**

- U.S. immigration law says that you have a right to see a lawyer, but you must find and pay for one yourself. You may be able to find a lawyer to help you free of charge. Ask an immigration officer for a list of legal service providers.

## **You Have Rights Under U.S. Detention Standards**

While these standards are not part of U.S. law, they serve as guidelines for the staff of jails and detention centers where immigrants are detained. According to these standards, if you are detained:

- You should have access to a working telephone so you can call a lawyer.
- The detention center or jail should provide a list of phone numbers you can call to obtain affordable legal services.
- The detention center or jail also should provide books about immigration law so that you can do research for your case.
- You should have access to physical and mental health care.