

HOME RAIDS

Your Basic Rights



Stay calm. You have rights.

- You do not have to open your door. If you wish to assert your rights, you should keep your door closed and speak to agents through the door.
- Ask the agents what they are there for.
- If the agents do not speak Spanish, ask for an interpreter.
- If the agents want to enter, ask them if they have a warrant signed by a judge. An administrative warrant of removal from immigration authorities is not enough.
- If they say they have a warrant, ask them to slip the warrant under the door.
- Look at the top and at the signature line to see if it was issued by a court and signed by a judge or issued by DHS or ICE and signed by a DHS or ICE employee. Only a court/judge warrant is enough for entry into your premises.
- Do not open your door unless ICE shows you a judicial search or arrest warrant naming a person in your residence and/or areas to be searched at your address.
- In all other cases, keep the door closed. State: *"I do not consent to your entry."*
- If agents force their way in anyway, do not attempt to resist. If you wish to exercise your rights, state: *"I do not consent to your entry or to your search of these premises. I am exercising my right to remain silent. I wish to speak with a lawyer as soon as possible."* Everyone in the residence may also exercise the right to remain silent.
- DO NOT LIE OR SHOW FALSE DOCUMENTS.
- DO NOT SIGN ANY PAPERS WITHOUT SPEAKING TO A LAWYER.

For more information, in English and Spanish, look for "What To Do If You're Stopped By Police, Immigration Agents or the FBI" on the national ACLU website:
www.aclu.org/know-your-rights

If you feel your rights or the rights of one of your family members has been violated, call the ACLU of Maryland at 410-889-8555.

