## WHAT RIGHTS DO I HAVE IN CASE I GET ARRESTED BY MIGRATORY AGENTS IN THE UNITED STATES OR IN CASE OF A POLICE ROUND-UP?

Every person who lives in the United States **has legal rights even if his/her immigration status is irregular**. The United States Constitution protects people from abuse or injustice by the police or the government. In case of being arrested, you have rights:



Do not answer questions about your legal situation, where you were born or how did you arrive to the USA. You can tell the agent that you wish to exercise

your right to remain silent and to talk to a lawyer before answering his/her questions. If the immigration agent asks, you must tell him/her your name

Do not accept an inspection or search. To enter your home, the police or immigration agent needs a "court order" or your authorization. A court order is a permission signed by a judge. You can request to see the order and for that you do not necessarily have to open the door; you can ask them to slide it under the door since they can not enter your house without a court order

Verify that it is indeed a court order. Look at the top of the document to check 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. The only way someone can enter your home is with a court order signed by a judge

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Do not open the door unless ICE shows you an inspection/search warrant or judicial arrest order with your name or the name of someone living in your home on it. If not, you have the right to keep the door closed and say "I do not give my authorization for you to come into my house"

Talk to a lawyer before answering any questions. Let the officer know that you want to talk to a lawyer before answering

Do not sign any papers you do not understand. Wait until you can talk to a lawyer

Do not let anyone putting pressure on you to sign document



Keep calm and take your time before saying or doing something

## Contact your consulate immediately.

The number of the **Information and Assistance Center for Mexicans** from the United States is **18554636395** and from Mexico **0015206237874**. It works 24 hours a day

