


ONCE I AM UNDER ARREST, HOW CAN I CONTACT A LAWYER?

* Once you have been arrested you DO NOT have the right to access the services of a lawyer free of charge for immigration procedures

* You DO have the right to obtain a lawyer at no cost, either with your own resources or through civil society organizations that provide advice and follow your case for free or at very low cost. It is very important for you to know the organizations that provide services to migrants in your community. You can visit the following [LINK](#) to locate legal help near your residence

Please consider that:

-  You have the right to represent yourself
-  Your deportation officer must provide you with a list of free legal services near your area. If you are not provided with this list, you can request it and find immigration lawyers specialized in deportation cases
-  Your consulate can advise you on the procedures and legal services available for your case
-  You must be careful and choose a lawyer specialized in migration and specifically in deportation authorized by the BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals)
-  Only attorneys and authorized representatives of the BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals) are trained to offer immigration legal advice; a notary public or an "immigration consultant" is not
-  Before choosing a lawyer check the list of lawyers who have been sanctioned issued by the government. You can check it in the following [LINK](#)
-  If a BIA representative offers you help, check the list issued by the government to verify that this person is authorized to take your case. Visit the following [LINK](#)
-  If you require the services of a private attorney specialized in immigration issues, visit the website of the [AMERICAN IMMIGRATION LAWYERS ASSOCIATION](#)

