



What can I do if I am being detained or arrested?



Remember

- You have the right to **remain silent**.
- You have the right to **speak to an attorney**.
- You **do not need to sign any documents** or **answer any questions** before you speak with a lawyer.

You have the **right to request an interpreter** for any conversation with ICE or any appointment or hearing you are given. You can say, "**I need an interpreter.**"

You can tell ICE if you have **medical issues** or need to **arrange for childcare**.

Once detained, you will have the **opportunity to make phone calls** to your family, friends, community leaders, or attorney.

In detention, **you can receive visitors**, including your family, friends, community leaders, and attorney. Note that **each jail has its own rules** that visitors must review beforehand.



- If ICE agents are trying to talk to or arrest you, starting or continuing to record may put you at risk.
- However, **people in the community may record ICE**, so long as they do not interfere with officers.
- You can share with your attorney any audio, video, or written notes about your arrest from you or someone who saw your arrest.



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If you or a loved one are at risk of deportation:



Organize your documents and keep them in a safe place that your emergency contacts have access to.



Choose an emergency contact and memorize their phone number. An emergency contact can be someone you trust – a family member, friend, community leader, or a lawyer.



Choose a standby guardian: someone you trust to take care of your child in case you are detained. Standby guardians have the power to make important decisions for a child in their care, including major medical decisions and decisions about where the child goes to school.

Explore your legal options. Talk to a trusted attorney and avoid fraud.

MOIA Immigration Legal Support Hotline. Interpretation is available.



1-800-354-0365

Monday to Friday, 9AM to 6PM

Remember:

- Immigration law is complicated. Beware of immigration legal scams or fraudulent providers who may indicate false promises.
- A public notary who is not a licensed attorney cannot fill out or file immigration forms on your behalf. They also should not give you legal advice.