

Know Your Rights Resource Guide

Introduction

This list of resources is designed to help immigrant communities, families, and organizations protect and exercise their rights, especially considering potential changes under a new presidential administration. It includes resources on legal assistance, family preparedness plans, responses to immigration enforcement actions, fraud reporting, and more. This list is not exhaustive but serves as a starting point. These resources are not intended to constitute legal advice and in many cases, laws may differ from state to state. Therefore, this information is not intended to replace state-specific legal assistance.

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Know Your Rights

Everyone has rights, regardless of immigration status. These resources provide valuable information to help immigrants understand and assert their rights during interactions with immigration officials.

- [Know Your Rights Guide](#) — Created by the National Immigration Law Center (NILC), this guide outlines the rights of immigrants in the U.S., regardless of changes in immigration enforcement policies. It is also available in [Spanish](#) and [other languages](#).
- [Red Cards](#) — Developed by the Immigrant Legal Resource Center (ILRC), these printable cards, available in multiple languages, help individuals assert their rights if approached by immigration officers.
- [Judicial Warrant vs ICE Administrative Document](#) — Drafted by Project South, this brief document provides a clear explanation of the difference between a judicial warrant and an ICE administrative warrant. It also includes examples of both types of documents.
- [Know Your Rights App](#) — NAKASEC has developed a mobile app to help individuals access important information about their rights and legal resources. The app lets users to announce their rights in English and send a pre-written text to a list of contacts if they're facing immigration enforcement. The app is available for both [Apple](#) and [Android](#) devices and supports 19 languages, including Spanish.
- [Talking to People About Their Rights](#) — Explained by the ACLU, this guide outlines your right to share truthful information about law enforcement and inform others of their legal rights, even if they're in trouble. It also covers

your ability to advocate for legal changes without inciting illegal activity. Understanding these protections helps you confidently discuss constitutional rights and law enforcement issues.

- [Additional Resources](#) — Videos and toolkits with materials in multiple languages curated by the Ready to Stay coalition.

Finding Qualified Immigration Legal Services Providers

These resources help individuals find qualified legal assistance by connecting them with trusted, nonprofit immigration service providers or experienced private immigration attorneys.

- [ImmigrationLawHelp](#) — A searchable directory to help individuals find trusted, nonprofit immigration legal service providers in their area.
- [AILA Directory](#) — A directory of qualified private immigration attorneys who are members of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Creating a Plan and Responding to Immigration Raids

These resources are aimed to help organizations prepare for and respond to immigration enforcement, while also offering tools and guidance to support immigrant families through potential raids, detentions, and deportation risks.

- [Rapid Response Toolkit](#) — Developed by CLINIC, this toolkit provides a comprehensive plan and best practices for communities to respond effectively during and after immigration raids and arrests.
- [Lessons from East Tennessee: A Toolkit for Organizations Responding to Mass Worksite Immigration Raids](#) — A toolkit from NILC and TIRRC for preparing and responding to immigration worksite raids, protecting workers' rights, and supporting affected families.
- [Family Preparedness Guide](#) — Created by TIRRC, this guide helps families prepare for sudden detainment or deportation, including child custody planning.
- [Practitioners Guide in Assisting Families](#) — Created by the Appleseed Network, this bilingual (English-Spanish) manual guides practitioners in protecting financial and family rights, including child custody, paychecks, bank accounts, property ownership, and government benefits during deportation risks.
- [Educators and School Support Staff Guide](#) — Developed by the American Federation of Teachers, this guide aims to help schools and families prepare for immigration enforcement.
- [Guidance to Nonprofits Regarding Immigration Enforcement](#) — Developed by the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest and Lawyers Alliance for New York, this guide outlines key practices for nonprofits to protect immigrant clients. It provides advice on scenarios such as ICE visits, managing staff and clients during enforcement actions, and responding to ICE subpoenas.
- [Guidance for Employers: What to Do If Immigration Comes to Your Workplace](#) — Created by the National Immigration Law Center and the National Employment Law Project, this guide provides practical advice for addressing immigration-related actions in the workplace. It is also available in [Spanish](#) and [other languages](#).

Hotlines and Rapid Response Networks

This section provides essential contact information for hotlines and support services that can be called to report raids, seek help if detained, or connect with legal resources, ensuring access to immediate assistance and guidance during immigration-related emergencies.

- The American Bar Association (ABA) operates a free hotline for friends and family who have a loved one detained in ICE custody. The ABA Commission on Immigration’s Detention Hotline can be reached at 202-442-3363 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.
- [Services and Assistance from the Mexican Consulates](#) — The Mexican government’s *Centro de Información y Asistencia a Mexicanos (CIAM)* provides an infographic outlining the services available to Mexican nationals in the U.S., including obtaining civil documents and providing support in the event of detention. They offer a 24/7 hotline at 520-623-7874.
- [Rapid Response Networks and Hotlines](#) — The Ready to Stay Coalition, National Partnership for New Americans, Informed Immigrant, and the National Immigration Project compiled a comprehensive list of regional and local immigration hotlines. These hotlines help with reporting raids, seeking help if detained or at risk of deportation, and seeking legal resources.

Beware of *Notario* Fraud and Anyone Engaging in the Unauthorized Practice of Immigration Law

In the United States, only an attorney licensed to practice law or a Department of Justice (DOJ)-[accredited representative](#) working at a DOJ-[recognized organization](#) can provide legal advice and representation related to immigration matters. It is important to protect oneself from scams, fraud, and individuals who engage in the unauthorized practice of immigration law. Stay informed, vigilant, and report any suspicious activity.

If an individual encounters fraud or scams, here is how to act:

- **Report to the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#)** — Call 877-FTC-HELP or [file a complaint online](#).
- **Report to [Local or State Authorities](#)** — Contact your local or state consumer protection office.
- **Report to [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services \(USCIS\)](#)** — Use the USCIS Tip Form to report fraud or scams.
- **Contact the [Executive Office for Immigration Review \(EOIR\)](#)** — Report fraud to the EOIR’s Fraud and Abuse Prevention Program by calling 877-388-3840 or emailing eoir.fraud.program@usdoj.gov.

Access This Resource

To access the document and the resources listed above, you can either **scan the QR code below** with your mobile device or visit the following URL: <https://bit.ly/KYR-UUS>

