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**RIGHTS**

**DURING AN ARREST**

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# **WHAT TO DO DURING AN ARREST**

## **What to do if police or immigration agents question you:**

If the officer says “Yes, you are under arrest and/or being detained”, then **YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT!**

**You have the right to ask if you are being detained or arrested.**

If the officer says “No, you are not under arrest or being detained”, ask them if you are free to leave. If they say yes, slowly and calmly walk away.

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## **If you have valid documents:**

Show them to the officer. Always carry them with you.

## **If you do **not** have valid documents to be in this country:**

- Do not answer any questions.
- Do not show false documents.
- Only say “I need to speak with my attorney.”
- Do not say anything about where you are from or how you came to this country.
- Show the officer the “Know Your Rights” card.

**ABOVE ALL**

**DO NOT SHOW FALSE DOCUMENTS AND  
DO NOT SAY ANYTHING THAT IS NOT TRUE.**