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RIGHTS

**IF IMMIGRATION
COMES TO YOUR
HOUSE OR WORK**

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WHAT TO DO IF IMMIGRATION COMES TO YOUR HOUSE:

If the police, immigration agent or other government agent tries to enter your house:

Do NOT open the door.

It is very important to ask them if they are the police or immigration.

(Sometimes, immigration agents will say they are the police, so ask them very specific questions.)

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If it is immigration...

they are usually not allowed to enter unless you open the door or give them permission to enter.

Talk through the door.

If you open the door a small amount to talk, the agent might say that by opening the door you gave consent to enter.

If it is the police, they need a "Search Warrant" to enter your house.

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Search Warrants

A search warrant is a signed paper by a judge that authorizes the officer to enter your house.

The warrant should say in detail who the person is that the officer is looking for.

If they have an arrest warrant but not a search warrant, they are not legally able to enter your house.

If an officer enters your home:

- Write down the names and badge numbers of the officers.
- Tell them that you have not given them consent for a search.
- Take down the names, address, and numbers of anyone who is present.

Do not run – it is not safe to run.

WHAT TO DO IF IMMIGRATION COMES TO YOUR WORKPLACE:

STAY CALM. Do not run – it is not safe to run.

In order to enter your workplace, the officer must have a warrant from a judge or permission from your employer.

WHAT TO DO IF IMMIGRATION STOPS YOU IN PUBLIC:

REMEMBER: You have the right to remain silent.

Do not say anything about your immigration status or where you were born. If you have valid immigration documents, show them.

If they stop you in the street

They should have a proper order/warrant to do so; ask to see it.

If they don't have an order, they must have specific facts that make it reasonable to believe that you are not in this country legally.