Be Empowered & "Know Your Rights"



2017





Goals For Today

- 1. Learn about immigration in 2017
- 2. Learn your rights in case you encounter immigration officials
- 3. Learn how to best prepare yourself and your family
- 4. Learn where to go to for help



Executive Orders

The President can make rules called executive orders

Who has heard about President Trump's executive orders on Immigration? Does anyone remember what they said?



Executive Orders by President Trump:

January 2017

- Build a wall between Mexico and USA
- More border police and ICE
- More police working with ICE





Department of Homeland Security Memos

Some people are priorities for deportation:

- Undocumented people with prior deportation orders
 - This means people who were arrested by ICE and released, but missed a court, even if it was years ago
- People with criminal offenses or even charges
- People who have "abused" public benefits or engaged in fraud with a governmental agency such as a driver's license



BUT anyone undocumented is at risk of being detained and deported.

Executive Orders by President Trump:

January, 2017

- Immigrants from 6 mostly Muslim countries are not allowed to come to the United States for at least 90 days
- No refugees can come to the U.S.A. from any country for at least 120 days



Protests and Lawsuits





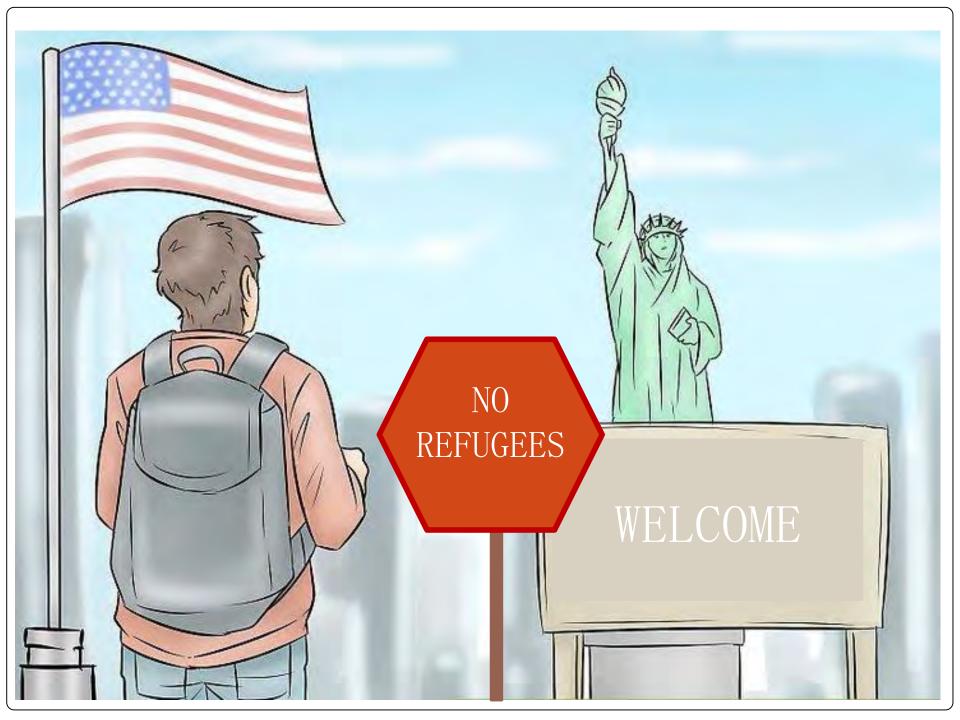


Executive Orders

September 24, 2017: New Travel Ban

- Most people from Iran, Libya, Syria, Yemen, Somalia, Chad and North Korea are not allowed to come to the U.S.
- People from the government of Venezuela and their families are not allowed either
- New rules do not apply to greencard holders or people with visas until their visa expires

<u>December 5, 2017:</u> The Supreme Court has allowed the New Travel Ban to be implemented despite legal challenges until the Court can examine it more closely.



Executive Orders

Talk to a lawyer if you want to travel outside of the U.S. and are from one of the 8 countries (Syria, Yemen, Iran, Somalia, Libya, Chad, North Korea, Venezuela)

Executive Orders - DACA

- September 5, 2017: President Trump announced that immigrants can no longer apply for DACA. Individuals who have DACA, once it expires, are considered to be in the country illegally and are at risk of deportation
- This program had been started under President Obama and had helped 800,000 young immigrants by providing them with work permits and relief from deportation



Executive Orders - DACA

(for DACA audience)

DACA Facts:

- Your DACA is valid until the expiration date (including work cards)
- If you do not have DACA or a pending DACA application, you cannot apply. The program has been terminated
- If you have a DACA application that is currently pending, it will continue to be processed
- Advanced Parole to travel abroad is no longer available. If you have a currently valid travel document, you may use it as long as you return BEFORE it expires
- It is risky to travel because Customs and Border Patrol can refuse to let you enter the U.S.
- DACA can be terminated at any time if the government thinks you are no longer eligible

Executive Orders - DACA

• If you have any questions about DACA, speak to an experienced immigration attorney or a local nonprofit. Protect yourself by talking to a qualified attorney who can help you make legal decisions, including other forms of relief

Don't give up. Congress can still pass a bill that will offer a permanent way for those with DACA to stay in the U.S.

Make your voice heard and tell Congress to pass the DREAM Act.

Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

TPS is an immigration program that allows people from a certain country living in the US to remain and work here while their home countries recover from the aftermath of war, natural disasters, or other humanitarian crises.

Ten countries and 325,000 people from El Salvador, Haiti, Honduras, Nepal, Nicaragua, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Syria, and Yemen are currently in the program.

In Massachusetts there are 12,326 residents with TPS

If you currently have TPS from ANY COUNTRY you should talk with an experienced attorney to see if you have a more permanent form of immigration relief.

Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

For the Haitian Community

November 20, 2017

- The Trump Administration announced the ending of TPS for 60,000 Haitians living in the U.S.
- TPS for Haitians will terminate in 18 months, on July 22, 2019
- Those who are not able to qualify for a permanent immigration status will no longer be able to work legally and lose their protection from deportation
- There is still a chance that Congress could pass a permanent form of immigration relief over the next 18 months

TPS designation was granted to Haitians after the January 2010 earthquake that took over 200,000 lives and displaced more than 1.5 million people

- Massachusetts has about 5,000 Haitian TPS holders and the third largest population of Haitians in the United States behind Florida and New York
- There are about 27,000 U.S. born children of parents with TPS from Haiti and about 20% of TPS holders own homes

Temporary Protective Status (TPS) Nicaraguans, Hondurans and Salvadorans

TPS was initially granted for Nicaraguans and Hondurans in 1998 after Hurricane Mitch devastated both countries. It was granted for Salvadorans on Jan. 13, 2001 after a catastrophic 7.6 magnitude earthquake. It has been renewed every 18 months for nearly two decades.

On November 6, 2017:

- TPS for 2,500 Nicaraguans was terminated. In 14 months, (January 2019,) these individuals will lose their work permits and protection from deportation
- 57,000 Hondurans were granted a 6 month extension to their TPS. TPS will end in May 2018 unless another extension is issued
- Homeland Security will decide whether conditions warrant extension of TPS for the people of El Salvador by Jan. 8, 2018. TPS for 200,000 Salvadorans will run out by March 9, 2018 unless it's further extended

Temporary Protective Status (TPS)

Sudan: The State Department has ended TPS for beneficiaries of Sudan. Individuals currently with TPS can apply to extend for a final 12 months. Their status will terminate on Nov. 2, 2018

South Sudan: The State Department has renewed TPS for individuals from South Sudan through May 2, 2019 but individuals must apply to renew.

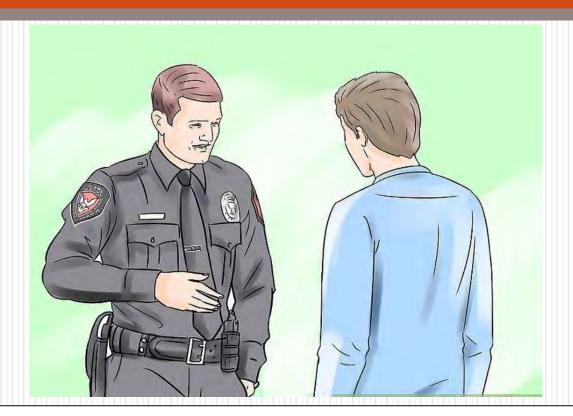
Stay Informed

• Expect new executive orders to be issued soon.

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https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-
room/presidential-actions/
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• For current information & fact sheets, go to: www.masslegalhelp.org/immigration

What to Do if You Meet an Immigration Officer



Everyone Has Rights

Todo el mundo en América tiene derechos.

Todos os Estados Unidos têm direitos.

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美國的每個人都有權利。

Tout moun nan Amerik gen dwa.





Qof kasta oo ku nool Mareykanka wuxuu leeyahay xuquuq.

Tout le monde en Amérique a des droits.

Everyone Has Rights

What do I do if I meet an immigration officer?



It depends on your immigration status.



Everyone Has Rights

If you have immigration status (green card, TPS, asylum applicant) you may wish to show your ID to prove you are here legally.



If you do not have immigration status, you can be quiet and not show ID until you talk to a lawyer.

Nearby States

- ICE often stops cars on roads and within 100 miles of the United States border with Mexico and with Canada
- This means that you may be stopped by Immigration in New York, Vermont, Maine and New Hampshire
- If you do not have immigration status, you may not want to go to these states



If you meet an immigration officer, remember:

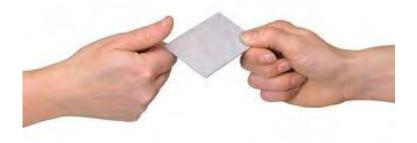
- You have the right to remain silent.
 - This means that you have the right not to answer any questions
- You have the right to see an arrest warrant
- You have the right to speak to a lawyer
- You have the right to make a phone call

ONLY US Citizens Cannot Be Deported

Rights if you Meet an Immigration Officer

- If your rights are violated, you may be able to use this to help your case later. Talk to an attorney.
- Do not lie
- Do not show fake papers
- It is better to say "I would like to be silent" than to lie

Show your Know Your Rights card





KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

If you are stopped by immigration or the police:

- ✓ Hand this card to the officer, and remain silent.
- The card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked with a lawyer.

To: Immigration or Other Officer

Right now I am choosing to exercise my legal rights.

- I will remain silent, and I refuse to answer your questions.
- If I am detained, I have the right to contact an attorney immediately.
- I refuse to sign anything without advice from an attorney.

Thank you.

If ICE Comes to Your Home

You have the right to:

- Not open the door
- Slide your "Know Your Rights" card under the door or show it at a window
- Call a U.S. citizen friend or family member to let them know what is happening
- Call an immigration attorney



Drama: Ana's Story

Ana is an undocumented woman from El Salvador. She hears a knock on her door at home.

Ana: Who is there?

Officers: We are officers. We are looking for Maria Martinez.

Ana: I do not know Maria.

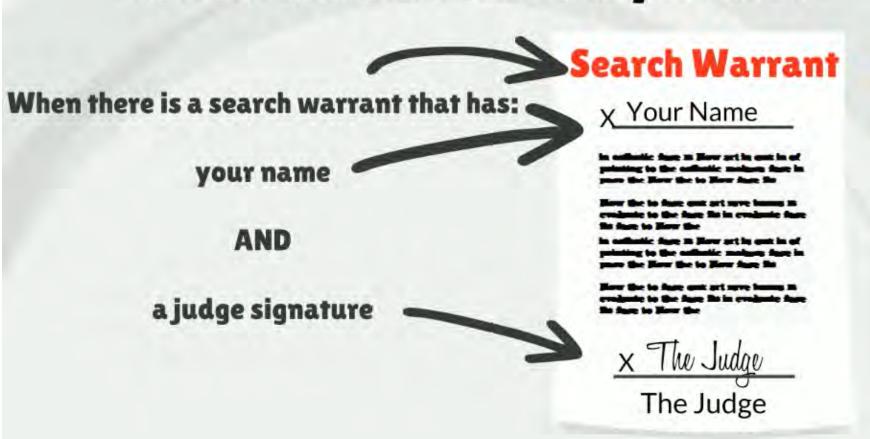
Officers: What is your name? Please open the door so we can see if you are Maria Martinez.

- What are Ana's rights?
- Are the officers allowed to enter into Ana's home?

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z ckcdtQ95w

Search Warrant

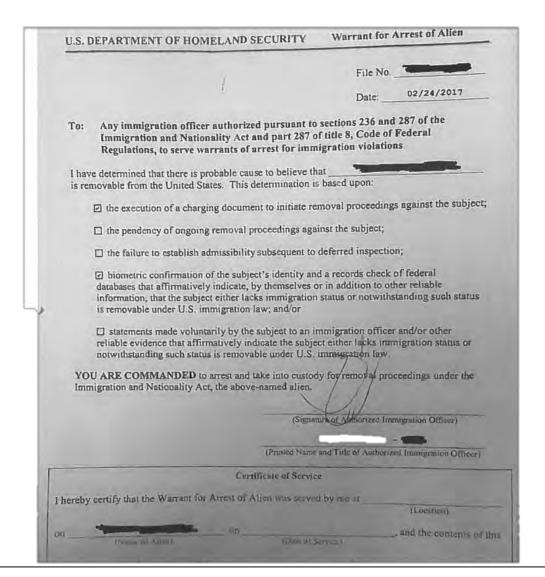
When can ICE enter my home?



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Arrest Warrant- Not Signed by a Judge



Role Play: ICE in the Home

- ICE: [knocks] Open the door we need to speak to you!
- **Person:** Warrant?
- ICE: We just need to ask you a few questions. Please open the door, it's important that we talk to you.
- **Person:** If you do not have a warrant, I am not opening the door
- ICE: Look, we just need to ask you some questions. What is your name please?
- **Person:** I will not open the door without a signed warrant from a judge. [Slides red card under door]

If Stopped While Driving



You have the right to remain silent.

Remaining silent does not mean that you will not be arrested, but it is your right not to give ICE any information that could be used against you.

Stay calm and do not run or resist arrest. Keep your hands where the officer can see them.

You have the right to ask if you are under arrest or free to leave.

If you are free to leave, you should say you are leaving

You have the right to refuse to be fingerprinted by ICE



Work Place Raid

What are Your Rights if Asked to Line Up by

Immigration Status?

You have the right to:

- Not answer
- Stand silently in the middle of the room
- Not give the officials any information about you
- Not to line up because you have the right to remain silent

You have the right not to communicate information in any way.

Drama: Miguel's Story

Miguel is undocumented. One day, he is stopped by an ICE officer while waiting for the bus.

Officer: What is your name? Please show me your ID.

Miguel: I would like to remain silent.

Officer: I need to take your fingerprints.

Miguel: I have the right to not give you my fingerprints. Am I

under arrest?

Officer: No, you are not.

Miguel: Then I am going to leave. [walks away calmly]

Be Prepared - Just In Case

- Memorize important phone numbers friends or family members and an attorney to call
- If you do not have status, consider where to keep any foreign identification documents including passport, driver's license, national identification card, etc.
 - Your passport is enough evidence for ICE to prove identity and alienage -- who you are and where you are from
- Talk to a friend or family member who has legal status in the United States about how to access money to pay for an immigration bond for you if you are arrested

Be Prepared – Just In Case

- Keep important documents such as children's birth certificate(s), medical records, paystubs, and utility bills in a safe place at home
- Make sure all information and emergency contacts are up to date at your children's school(s), including who can and cannot pick up your children
- You may want to register the birth of any U.S. born children with your own Consulate
- You may also want to consider getting U.S. passports if your children were born here or a passport from their country of birth. You may want to talk to your Consulate office to get assistance with this

Be Prepared – Family Preparations

There are different temporary custody forms which you may want to consider filling out now in case you are detained.

Caregiver Affidavit Authorization

• Gives the person you choose the right to make decisions about your child's health and education for up to two years

• Temporary Agent Authorization

• Gives the person you choose any power that a parent has, (except permission to marry or adopt,) for up to 60 days

You can fill out both of these form for your child(ren) and they can be ended at any time. Both must be signed in the presence of two witnesses and in front of a notary.

You may also want to meet with a lawyer to designate and document someone you trust with Power of Attorney to make financial, legal or childcare decisions in your absence

Post-Arrest - Just In Case

- You have the right to not give any information to ICE agents (country you are from or where you were born)
- Remind your family not to give ICE any information, because they may ask your family members questions too

IMPORTANT: If you have any undocumented family members, advise them *not* to come to the jail or detention center to visit you; they could end up detained too

Post-Arrest – Just In Case

Bond

If arrested by ICE, you may or may not be eligible to ask an immigration judge for a bond.

- Being granted a bond means that a judge will set an amount of money that you have to pay in order to be released until you need to report to court
- Things that make your bond case stronger are strong family ties and community ties. Think of who you would ask to write you letters if you needed a bond. Your boss? Your family?

Post-Arrest - Just In Case

Bond

• Think of someone with immigration status that you trust who can pay a bond

- Make sure you have money saved in case you will be eligible for bond. Bond can start at \$1500 but is typically more \$4000 \$10,000
- Make sure you tell the person who will pay your bond how to get the money

Post- Arrest - Just In Case

Right to See an Immigration Judge

If you are arrested, you need to see a judge to try to stop your deportation. Talk to an immigration lawyer.

BUT:

- •If you have already been ordered deported by an immigration judge or at the border, you will not automatically be able to see a judge again
- •Anyone who has been in the country for two years or less, regardless of where you're arrested, could be subjected to expedited removal which means you do not have the right to see an immigration judge

Immigration Process





Immigration Court

Getting a Court Date in the Mail

- If you were caught by ICE and then released, you will get a <u>court date</u> in the mail
- You can also call 1-800-898-7180 and type in you're A# to find out your next court date and location of court
- Make sure that you keep the Department of Homeland Security and the Immigration Court updated on any change in address that you make have

Immigration Court

- Go to Court! Failure to go to a scheduled hearing could result in an in absentia removal order
 - This means that if you don't go to court, you will be ordered deported and a warrant will be issued for your arrest. You will not be eligible for bond
- Being ordered deported is something that will always be connected to you, even if your court date was more than 20 years ago
- If you don't have a lawyer at your first court hearing you can ask for more time to find one. Ask for the legal services list of attorneys

Immigration Court

- If you have a court date, you should speak to an immigration attorney about your case
- You may be eligible for one of the many possible forms of immigration relief but immigration law is complicated

 Do not fill out forms or immigration paperwork without speaking to an experienced attorney

ICE Check-Ins

Reporting

- Some people released by immigration may have to report to ICE in Burlington, MA
- This is separate from going to court
- Someone with reporting requirements or an ankle bracelet should speak to a lawyer as soon as possible

Where Can I Go For Help?

Immigration - Defense to Removal

- Victims of crimes in the U.S. including domestic violence
- People afraid to return to their home countries due to persecution or torture, including individuals who identify as LGBT or who have suffered domestic violence in their home country
- Minors who have been abandoned, abused or neglected by one or both of their parents
- Trafficking victims
- Green card/lawful permanent residence through a family member or based on employment

Other options exist!

The 10 Year Law

How many of you have ever heard of the 10 year law?

- This is a complex for of relief
- •See an experienced immigration attorney

There is **not** a law that says that simply because you have been in the U.S. for 10 years you have the right to a pathway to citizenship

Do not become a victim of fraud

- Must be in deportation proceedings already in order to apply AND
- Must show that a U.S. citizen or green-card holding spouse/parent/child would suffer "exceptional and extremely unusual hardship" if you were deported such as they have a serious disease and are dependent on you and only you for care

Avoiding Scams

- Being a notary or "notario público" is NOT the same thing as an attorney and does not authorize someone to provide you with legal advice
- Only an attorney or an Accredited Representative can give you legal advice
- If you have a criminal history, make sure your attorney has specialized knowledge/experience in the immigration consequences of crimes

What Am I Eligible To Apply For?

Meet with an attorney or attend a legal screening and make sure you know your own immigration status

- There is a chance that you may have a pathway to an immigration status that you may not know about
- If you have TPS or DACA or are undocumented, there may be a chance that you are eligible for permanent immigration status



Free Immigration Consultations with Volunteer Attorneys

2017 SCHEDULE



MBTA Stations: Government Center: Blue and Green lines State Street: Blue and Orange lines BOSTON CITY HALL ROOM 806 12:00 NOON – 2:00 PM FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EVERY MONTH

July 5th and 19th

August 9th and 23rd

September 6th and 20th

October 4th and 18th

November 1st and 15th

December 6th and 20th

- First-come, first-served (no appointments)
- Please call at least 1 week in advance for interpretations (<u>other than Spanish</u>) and/or disability accommodations
- Consultations are a maximum of 15 minutes

For more information, call (617) 635-2980 Facebook.com/BOSimmigrants Twitter @BOSimmigrants boston.gov/immigrants



Legal Resources:

Please understand that there are not sufficient non-profit services available and you <u>may</u> need to pay for representation:

PAIR Project:

Helps with detained immigration cases and asylum. Call between 1pm – 3pm to make an appointment, 617-742-9296

Kids In Need of Defense (KIND):

Represents kids under age 17.5, (617) 207-4138

Irish International Immigrant Center:

Free intake clinics in different Boston neighborhoods.

Call: (617) 542-7654

Catholic Charities:

Call Mondays at 9am (617) 464-8100

Greater Boston Legal Services

(617) 371-1234

MIRA Coalition

(617) 350-5480

Project Citizenship (for assistance with citizenship)

(617) 694-5949

Legal Resources:

- Office of the Attorney General Civil Rights (617) 963-2917, to report the unauthorized practice of law/immigration fraud)
- To report a hate crime: 1-800-994-3228

 Any Massachusetts resident who has witnessed or experienced bias-motivated threats, harassment or violence may call the Attorney General's Hotline or fill out a civil rights complaint form online
- Massachusetts ACLU: (617) 482-3170, For questions about your constitutional rights

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