

Be Prepared: Understanding Your Rights Around Law Enforcement



WHAT DO THESE INTERACTIONS LOOK LIKE?

Sometimes, immigration or law enforcement officers may try to speak with children and may ask them to sign something. This can happen at home, school, or in public place. It's important to know your rights so you can protect yourself and stay safe.



- The officer may contact you or your sponsor **by sending you a letter**, or they may show up **in person**.
- The officer could be from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**), Homeland Security Investigations (**HSI**), the Federal Bureau of Investigations (**FBI**), Drug Enforcement Administration (**DEA**), or even local law enforcement.
- The officer may **identify themselves**, or they may be wearing **normal clothes**.
- The officer might try to get you to **sign a document**. They might promise to give you things when you sign, like money.



Important! Do not sign any documents. Speak to your attorney as soon as possible.

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

What you can DO:

- ❌ You do not have to answer questions.
- ❌ Without a judicial warrant, you do not have to open the door.
- ❌ Do not sign anything.
- ✅ Show a KYR card to the officer.
- ✅ Ask if you can leave.
- ✅ **Invoke your right to an attorney.**

What you can SAY:

- "I do not wish to...
...speak to you."
...answer questions."
...sign anything."
...hand you any document."
- "I do not give you permission to enter my home unless you have a judicial warrant."
- "I do not give you permission to search my belongings."
- "I would like to speak with my attorney."

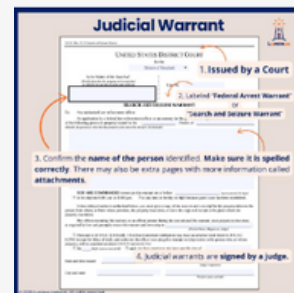


IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

An officer must have a **judicial warrant signed by a judge to enter your home.**



Ask the officer to pass the warrant under the door or hold it up to a window so that you can inspect it.



NEXT STEPS

How to prepare:

- ✅ Have a safe place for **documents** and copies.
- ✅ **Attorney phone number** on hand and memorized.
- ✅ Everybody has a **card with constitutional rights**, or it is in an easy place to see in the home.
- ✅ Everybody **checks the door** and outside before opening.
- ✅ Follow your **attorney's guidance** for anything specific to your area or community.

