

IMMIGRATION RESPONSE RESOURCES

The City of Irvine's mission is to create and maintain a community where people can live, work, and play in an environment that is safe, vibrant, and aesthetically pleasing. The City's response regarding immigration related matters has not changed — the City of Irvine continues to focus on providing exceptional services to all in the community, regardless of immigration status.

YOU HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

Everyone — both documented and undocumented persons — has rights in this country.

Make sure you and others know what to do if approached by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers.

Inform your family members (even children), housemates, neighbors, and co-workers, regardless of their immigration status, of their right to remain silent and all of these rights if ICE or the police come to your home, neighborhood, or workplace.

You have the right to remain silent.

You can refuse to speak to an ICE agent. Do not answer any questions, especially about your birth place, immigration status, or how you entered the United States. Say that you want to remain silent until you speak with a lawyer.

You have the right to demand a warrant before letting anyone into your home.

Do not open your door to authorities without a warrant. You do not need to open the door unless an ICE agent shows you a warrant signed by a judge with your specific and correct name and address on it. If they say they have one, do not open the door for them to show it to you. Ask them to slip it under the door or through a window.

You have the right to speak to a lawyer and the right to make a phone call.

You have the right to refuse to sign anything before you talk to a lawyer.

Do not sign anything. That could eliminate your right to speak with a lawyer or have a hearing in front of an immigration judge. This may result in you being deported immediately without a hearing.

You have the right to refuse to show any documents before speaking with a lawyer.

Remain calm and do not try to run away. If you do, ICE or the police may use that against you.

LANGUAGE FROM IMMIGRANT LEGAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Immigrant Legal Resource Center compiled this language to help people assert their rights and defend themselves against unconstitutional actions.

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I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

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IMMIGRATION LEGAL DEFENSE RESOURCES

LEGAL AID

California Department of Social Services (CDSS) – Immigration Services Bureau (ISB)

- cdss.ca.gov/inforesources/immigration
- 916-651-8017

CDSS ISB develops, implements, and administers comprehensive programs that fund nonprofits across the State to provide free immigration legal services, education and community outreach, and other essential immigrant inclusion and integration efforts.

Community Legal Aid SoCal

- communitylegalsocal.org
- 714-571-5200

The Immigration Unit helps immigrants who are survivors of domestic violence and crime victims navigate the legal system to ensure clients can live without constant fear of removal.

Public Law Center

- publiclawcenter.org/immigration/
- 714-541-1010

PLC assists low-income immigrants of Orange County in providing consultations, filing for various forms of immigration relief with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), deportation defense in immigration court, and more.

Asian Americans Advancing Justice Southern California

- ajsocal.org/immigration
- 888-349-9695

Safety preparation toolkit and multiple immigration support services.

Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights (CHIRLA)

- chirla.org/what-we-do/programs-initiatives/legal-services/
- 213-353-1333

CHIRLA is recognized by the Board of Immigration Appeals (BIA) and offers immigration legal services at low cost. Licensed attorneys supervise all legal staff, including accredited representatives and paralegals.

Korean Resource Center

- krcla.org
- 714-869-7624

KRC offers various types of social services on immigration, health, and housing to assist our low-income community.

Access California Services

- accesscal.org/case/citizenship-and-immigration/
- 714-917-0440

Team is comprised of DOJ Accredited Representatives and an immigration attorney who assist our clients with a wide variety of immigration services including assistance with naturalization.

International Rescue Committee

- rescue.org/united-states/los-angeles-ca
- 818-550-6220

IRC provides opportunities for refugees, asylees, victims of human trafficking, survivors of torture, and other immigrants to thrive in America.

Loyola Immigrant Justice Clinic

- lls.edu/academics/experientiallearning/clinics/loyolaimmigrantjusticeclinic/
- 213-252-7409

LIJC focuses on providing representation to individuals who are unable to obtain immigration legal services elsewhere with an emphasis on immigrants with certain immigration and criminal complications who reside in the East Los Angeles area.

UCI Immigrant Legal Services

- dream.uci.edu/uc-immigrant-legal-services/

The UC Immigrant Legal Services Center provides free immigration-related legal services to students, as well as their immediate family members (spouse, siblings, children, and parents).

Western State College of Law — Immigration and Deportation Defense Clinic

- wsulaw.edu/academics/immigration-and-deportation-defense-clinic/

If you are a community member searching for legal representation or assistance, call 714-459-1196 or email wsclimmddefenseclinic@wsulaw.edu.

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LEGAL AID *(continued)*

Catholic Charities of Orange County

- ccoc.org/programs/human-services/immigration-citizenship-services
- 714-347-9610

CCOC Citizenship & Immigration Services is a DOJ (Department of Justice) accredited team that provides citizenship services, including free citizenship education, free or low-cost naturalization, and refugee services.

Orange County Justice Fund (OCJF)

- ocjusticfund.org

The OCJF is dedicated to empowering transformative change in the immigration system so the most vulnerable immigrants and refugees in Orange County, impacted by detention and deportation, are afforded effective legal representation, due process rights, and services for community re-integration.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

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Red Cards

- ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas

The ILRC's Red Cards help people assert their rights and defend themselves in many situations, such as when ICE agents go to a home. They are available to print in 19 languages.

Know Your Rights & What Immigrant Families Should Do Now

- ilrc.org/resources/know-your-rights-and-what-immigrant-families-should-do-now

This resource provides practical tips for things immigrant families can do now to prepare as well as information on rights everyone has in the United States, regardless of immigration status. It is provided in nine languages.

National Immigration Law Center

- nilc.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/2025.01.14-KYR-What-To-Do-If-Arrested-ENGLISH-Final-JAN.pdf

What to do if you are questioned, arrested or detained by immigration and other law enforcement.

California Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General

- oag.ca.gov/system/files/attachments/press-docs/Know%20Your%20Immigration%20Rights%5B88%5D.pdf

Know your immigration rights and protection under the law.

UC Irvine School of Law Immigrant Rights Clinic

- law.uci.edu/academics/real-life-learning/clinics/immigrant-rights.html
- 949-824-9646

Clinic students, working under close faculty supervision, provide direct representation to immigrants on matters ranging from detention and deportation defense to workplace exploitation and protection of civil and constitutional rights of immigrants.

Students

- ca.gov/immigration

Non-discrimination

- All students, including those who are undocumented or come from immigrant families, have the right to:
 - Attend public school
 - Participate in school activities
 - Receive a quality education without discrimination

Safe School Environment

- Schools are generally prohibited from voluntarily granting immigration enforcement officers access to campus. They need a judicial warrant or court order.
- Unless explicitly required by law, schools are prohibited from
 - Requesting social security numbers
 - Inquiring about the citizenship or immigration status of students, their parents, or guardians.

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HELP WITH A FEDERAL AGENCY

If you can't get an answer from a federal agency in a timely fashion, or if you feel you have been treated unfairly, your Senator or Congressional representative's office may be able to help resolve a problem or get you the information you need.

U.S. Senator Alex Padilla

- padilla.senate.gov/services/agency-assistance/

U.S. Representative Dave Min

- min.house.gov/services/help-federal-agency

U.S. Senator Adam Schiff

- schiff.senate.gov/helping-you/help-with-a-federal-agency/