KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

President Donald Trump’s immigration policies are causing anxiety among our community. Much remains unknown about these changes but this is a country of laws and rights hard-won by years of struggle. NMCIR is committed to push back against any detrimental changes that come. However, now more than ever it is especially important for our community to understand their rights.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT
Anything you say can be used against you. Do not answer any questions or give information like which country you are from, say only “I want to speak to my lawyer.” Remain calm and respectful.

DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR
ICE can misidentify themselves as police seeking help in investigating a crime to trick you into opening the door. ICE must have a warrant signed by a judge. Ask officers to slide the warrant under the door, confirm the name and address, and meet them outside if it looks legitimate.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO SPEAK TO A LAWYER
Ask to speak to a lawyer. If placed in detention by ICE in NYC, you may be eligible to receive free court-appointed counsel through NYIFUP. Please call 1-800-566-7636

BEFORE YOU SIGN ANYTHING, TALK TO A LAWYER
You may be unintentionally signing away your rights or agreeing to something you shouldn’t agree to.

AVOID UNETHICAL PEOPLE
Avoid unethical people or lawyers who make fraudulent promises about immigration relief that they cannot deliver on. Refer to non-profit immigrant service providers for up-to-date information. Please note that in the US notarios are not necessarily lawyers.

IF YOU ARE WORRIED ICE WILL ARREST YOU, LET THE OFFICER KNOW IF YOU HAVE CHILDREN
ICE may let you go if you are the primary caregiver of a U.S. citizen or permanent resident under 18 years old.

MEMORIZE THE NUMBER OF YOUR CONSULATE OR EMBASSY
If you are detained or arrested, call your consulate or embassy for assistance.

HAVE A SAFETY PLAN
Memorize the number of a friend who knows where to find your important documents including your Alien Registration number, and put a plan in place for your children’s care.

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO RECORD A RAID OR INTERACTIONS WITH ICE
To safeguard the video, stream it on Facebook Live if you can. You can later use this in your defense.

HAVE A FINANCIAL PLAN
Make a financial plan to secure your family’s financial future should anything happen to you.

The next few years will be a challenging time for the immigrant community. Let’s educate ourselves and continue to stand together.

Please reach out to NMCIR if you have any questions or concerns.

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