

## COLORADO, KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

All immigrants have legal rights under the U.S. Constitution – no matter your status or who the president is.

## If immigration or police stop you in the street, outside of your home, or at work, or another public place

Remember your rights! You have the right to remain silent and the right to ask to speak to an attorney.

- Stay calm. Do not run away or try to stop the agents.
- Remain silent. You can say, "I am exercising my right to remain silent" or hand them your Know Your Rights card, if you have one.
- Do not **lie** or give false information.
- Ask: "Am I free to leave?" If they say yes, walk away calmly.

## If immigration knocks on your door

Remember your rights! You have the right to remain silent and the right to ask to speak to an attorney.

- Stay calm. Do not open the door or step outside.
- Ask if they are immigration agents and why they are there. Ask them to show you a badge or identification by holding it up to a peephole or a window.
- Immigration agents may lie to you to get into your home. They may say they are investigating a crime or need to "talk or take a quick look around."
  - Do NOT let them in. Say, "You can't come into my home without a judicial warrant."
- If they say that they do have a warrant to enter, ask to see it. Tell them to slip it under the door
  or hold it up to a window so that you can read it. Remember: Do not open the door.
- Check to see if the warrant is <u>valid</u>. You don't have to let police or immigration agents into your home unless they have a judicial warrant. Check to see if it says "U.S. District Court" or a state court name, has your name or address, and is signed by a judge.
- Immigration agents may show you something called an "administrative warrant" that **does not give them** the right to enter your home. An administrative warrant is not a valid judicial warrant. Check to see if it says Department of Homeland Security (DHS) on top or has a seal or stamp that says "DHS." Look for the form number DHS Form 1-200 or DHS Form 1-205 on it.
- If the warrant is not valid, tell them to leave. Remember: Keep the door shut and locked.

## Be Ready!

- Practice. Standing up for your rights is hard. Practice saying these phrases out loud. This will make it easier to say them if you get stopped.
- Carry a Know Your Rights card with you. Print one out and carry it in your wallet!
- Memorize the phone numbers you might need to call in an emergency.
- Gather and keep your important immigration papers in one place, including proof of pending applications or appeals and proof that you've lived in the U.S. for more than two years (if you have it).
- Save the Colorado Rapid Response Network's ICE Activity Hotline to your phone: 1-844-864-8341
  - Call this number if you are witnessing ICE activity or to report a past interaction with ICE.
  - Sharing information is an important way to make sure legal observers can get to a scene. It helps us build a network of people resisting deportations in their communities.
- Visit <u>Colorado Rapid Response Network</u> for more resources, including how to make a family preparedness plan and how to request a *Know Your Rights* training.







