

ORI Know Your Rights

Q&A on Immigration

Overview of Department of Homeland Security



Immigration & Customs Enforcement

Customs & Border Protection

U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services

Immigration Police
/ Enforcement,
Detention &
Deportation,
representing the
DHS in
immigration
proceedings

Enforcement at the border and within 100 miles of the border, checkpoints, and ports of entries Adjudicates
petitions for
immigration
benefits (asylum,
green cards,
citizenship, special
visas)

How People May Come into Contact with Immigration Enforcement



Contact with the criminal system

Applying for a benefit at United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS), while having a removal order or criminal charge

Green card & Visa holders returning from travel:

- CBP must show either Immigrant intent OR Fraud
- A visa holder is subject to expedited removal

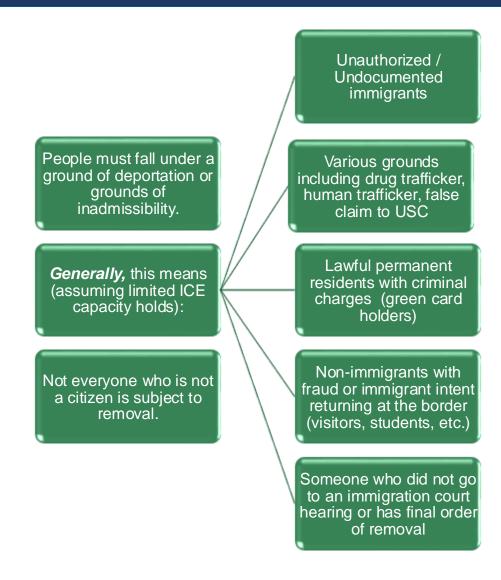
Raids & targeted enforcement

Attending an ICE appointment

Responding to an email/text/letter from ICE

Who is at Risk of Deportation?





Reasons for Deportation



Lack of lawful status

Criminal grounds, including:

- Nearly all drug convictions
- Some domestic violence, violation of protection order
- Some theft, fraud, and many other offenses.

Sometimes, relatively minor and non-violent offenses can lead to mandatory deportation even for green card holders.

Immigration violations / Fraud

Security related grounds (gang involvement, terrorism)

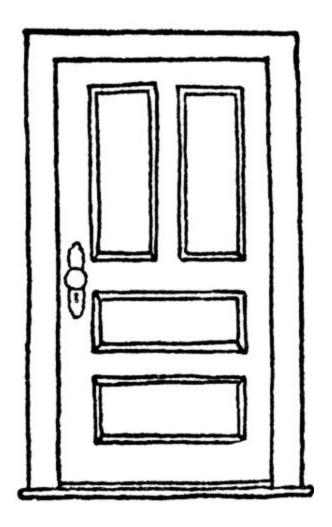


Know Your Rights: Interactions with Immigration Enforcement

If Immigration Comes to Your Home

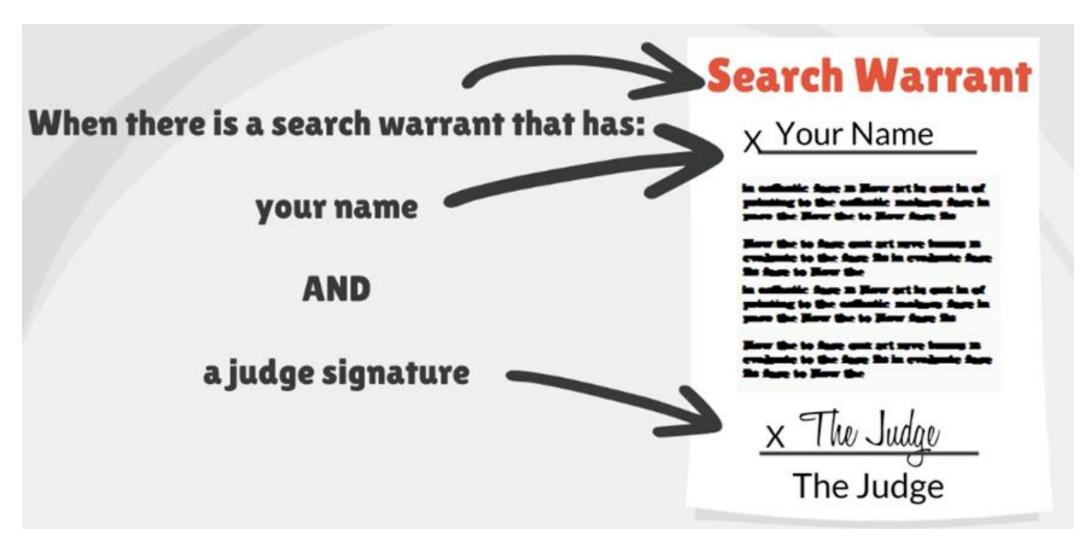


- Do not immediately open the door, stay calm, take a deep breath
- Legally, you do not need to open the door unless the officer provides you with a warrant signed by a judge
- You may ask officers to identify themselves (agency, name, ID)
- You may ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge
- You have the right to remain silent and to an attorney, including if arrested by ICE. If you choose to invoke that right, state to officers "I request my right to silence and to an attorney"
- One way to assert these rights is to slide a "Know Your Rights" card under the door
- For help, call a US citizen friend, family member or an attorney



How can law enforcement enter my home?

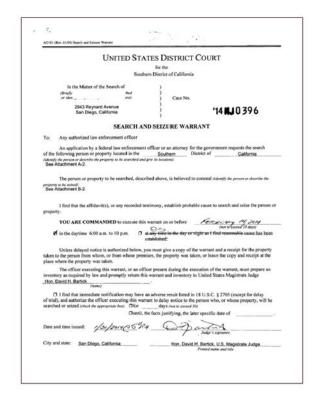




Warrants



EXAMPLE OF WARRANT SIGNED BY A JUDGE



EXAMPLE OF IMMIGRATION WARRANT: DOES NOT GIVE IMMIGRATION PERMISSION TO ENTER HOME

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Know Your Rights Cards



- Multilingual Infographic for Using Rights Card
- Asserting the right to remain silent can be difficult.
- It is helpful for people to have a rights card in their wallets that they can pull out and give to immigration agents or police.
- https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards



Release on Bond



Immigration enforcement can choose to place individuals it is trying to deport in immigration detention

- If detained, many individuals can request release on **bond** while their case is pending.
 - You can request the immigration judge to review the bond decision
 - It helps to show strong family and community ties, have a folder ready
 - Only someone who is a US citizen or has lawful immigration status should go to immigration to pay the bond



Who is Impacted by Public Charge?

Public Charge – lots of fear, little actual impact

Many immigrants are NOT subject to public charge.

Applies to: Immigrants applying for a green card through family or work (lawful permanent residence) or a visa to enter the United States.

Does not apply to:

- U.S. Citizens
- Citizenship applicants
- Green card renewals
- Removal of conditions
- Refugees/Asylees
- VAWA
- T/U visas
- Special Immigrant Juveniles
- DACA applications or renewals
- TPS applications or renewals
- Humanitarian parole





Current rule:



Only 2 types of benefits are considered under the current rule:

Cash assistance for income maintenance

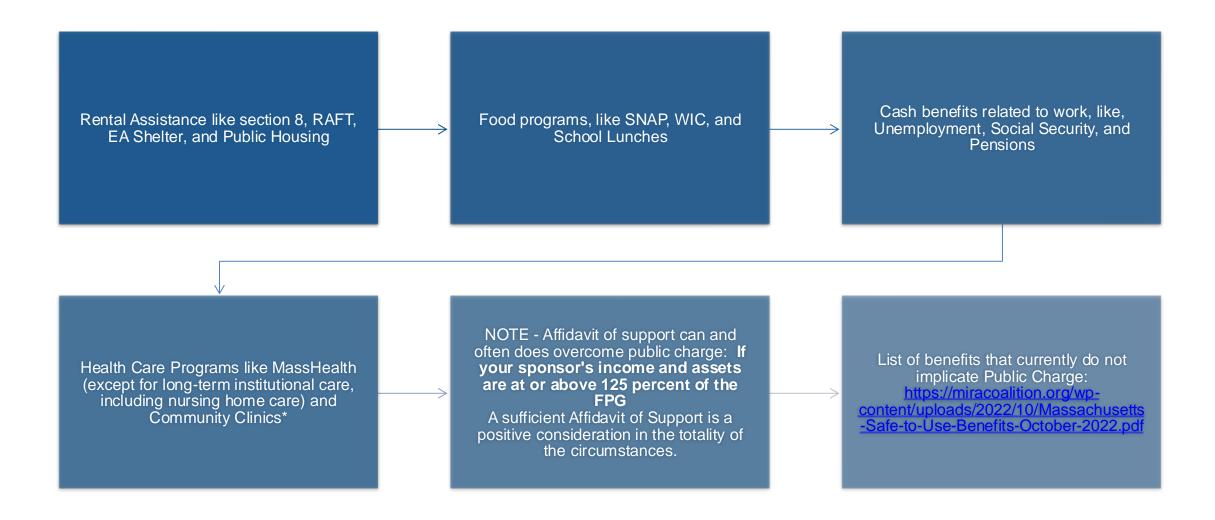
Institutionalization for long term care at government expense



Most people who face the public charge test are not eligible for the benefits in the test.

Most benefits are NOT considered under the current rule





Could the rule change?



Possible future rules:



The current rule was put into our federal regulations and has survived court challenges.



The Federal Government could try to reinstate the old rule but:

Even the old rule applied to a small number of people No changes would take effect immediately The prior law was successfully challenged by immigrants' rights advocates & State AG offices





This presentation is for informational purposes only. For legal advice, please contact an attorney.







TUITION EQUITY LAW

DRIVERS LICENSE BILL/WORK & FAMILY MOBILITY ACT

TUITION EQUITY BILL & DRIVERS LICENSE HAVE "MIXED STATUS" USERS



Immigration Legal Resources

It may take time to find a provider, please use trusted providers and check references.

Legal Services Directory in Massachusetts:

- Massachusetts Legal Resource Finder: https://masslrf.org/en/home
- Immigration court list of legal services: <u>https://www.justice.gov/eoir/file/ProBonoMA/download</u>
- City of Boston free consultations:
- https://www.boston.gov/departments/immigrant-advancement/free-immigration-consultations.

Legal Services Directory Outside of Massachusetts:

 Immigration Advocates Network Legal Directory: https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/