

Know Your Rights: Resources for Immigrants

CAIR-MA does not handle immigration cases. But we also know that federal government's harsh policies are making many Muslim immigrants fearful. Fortunately, several Massachusetts and national advocacy groups have created "know your rights" materials to help you prepare and protect yourself. The list below starts with general information, followed by ICE arrests, and then information for parents, employers, public schools, and homeless shelters. We have only noted where materials are available in languages that Muslim immigrants are likely to speak, although most materials are available in Spanish and sometimes other languages.

HOTLINE

- [Immigrant Legal Defense Hotline: \(617\) 988-0606](#) (*Lawyers for Civil Rights*) - Free legal advice for immigrants facing imminent threats. Callers who leave a message will receive a same-day response.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- [Interactions with ICE and Law Enforcement](#) (*Lawyers for Civil Rights*) - General information on your rights at home, at work, in public, or in your car. **NOTE:** ICE cannot enter your home or a private/restricted area at work unless they have a warrant from a court, signed by a judge.
- [Judicial Warrant vs. ICE Administrative Document](#) (*Project South*) - Examples of a judicial warrant (issued by a judge/court) and an ICE warrant.
- [Know Your Rights!](#) (*Mass. Immigrant & Refugee Advocacy Coalition*) - General summary of your rights.
- [Immigrants' Rights](#) (*American Civil Liberties Union*) - More detailed summary of your rights. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [Hindi](#), [Somali](#), and [Urdu](#).
- [Red Cards/Tarjetas Rojas](#) (*Immigration Resource Center*) - Print pocket/wallet sized cards with a summary of your rights. Also available in [Arabic](#), [Farsi](#), [Pashto](#), [Punjabi](#), and [Tigrinya](#).
- [Immigrants' Participation in Protests](#) (*National Immigration Law Center*) - How to safely take part in protests.

ICE ARRESTS OR DETENTION

- [What to Do if You Are Arrested or Detained by Immigration](#) (*National Immigration Law Center*) - Your rights if questioned or arrested by ICE.

FOR PARENTS

- [Plan for Your Children in Case of Separation or Deportation](#) (*Lawyers for Civil Rights*) - Summary of legal options for parents and how to prepare.
- [Emergency Planning Guide for Parents with Uncertain Immigration Status](#) (*Mass. Attorney General*) - Information on legal options for parents in the event of sudden detention or deportation by federal immigration officials. Pages 6 and 7 should be read side-by-side to form a chart.
- [Advice for Immigrant Parents: Family Preparedness Packets](#) (*Mass. Law Reform Institute & Mass. Immigration Law Coalition*) - Includes Mass. **legal forms** and a list of Mass. organizations that provide **free legal services** for immigration issues.

FOR EMPLOYERS

- [What to Do if Immigration Comes to your Workplace](#) (*National Employment Law Project & National Immigration Law Project*) - Information for employers about what to do if ICE visits or raids your business.
- [Immigration Inspectors and Raids](#) (*Lawyers for Civil Rights*) - Similar to the guide above but also includes information about Form I-9 (work authorization) audits.
- [Posters for Workplace & Community Businesses](#) (*Muslims for Just Futures*) - Print your own posters to designate private areas AND to tell employees how to respond if ICE shows up. Currently available in [Bangla](#), [Dari](#), [Hindi](#), [Nepali](#), [Pasto](#), [Punjabi](#), [Urdu](#), with other languages in the works.

FOR MASS. PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- [Guidance Regarding K-12 Schools' Obligations to Protect Students and Their Information](#) (*Mass. Attorney General*) - Information for public schools on ICE visits and requests for student information, as well as how to help parents prepare for emergencies.

FOR HOMELESS SHELTERS

- [ICE Raid Guidance for Homeless Service Providers](#) (*National Homelessness Law Center & the law firm of Crowell and Morning LLP*) - Detailed information for homeless shelters about what to do before, during, or after an ICE visit or raid.

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