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A Guide for Immigrants



Regardless of immigration status, all individuals in the United States have guaranteed rights under the Constitution. The following guide is to inform non-U.S. citizens of their legal rights in various situations with law enforcement and immigration officers.

Some [state laws](#) may vary. Separate rules apply at [checkpoints](#) and when entering the United States at ports of entry, including at borders and airports.

This information is for educational purposes and should not be used as a substitute for legal assistance. If you or someone you know needs legal assistance, please contact an attorney.

IF YOU ARE QUESTIONED ABOUT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

- You have the right to remain silent.
- Do not discuss your immigration or citizenship status with police, immigration agents, or any other officials.
- You do not have to answer questions about where you were born, if you are a U.S. citizen, or how you entered the country. (Separate rules apply at international borders and airports, and for individuals on certain nonimmigrant visas, including tourists and business travelers.)
- If you are over 18, consider carrying your immigration documents with you at all times. If you do not have immigration papers, say, "I do not want to answer your questions."
- Do not lie about your citizenship status or provide fake documents.

