

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS | When Stopped, Arrested, or Detained by Law Enforcement

GENERAL RIGHTS When Interacting with Police or ICE	Searches: You do not have to consent to a search of your body, belongings, or vehicle (except for pat-downs if weapons are suspected).
	Arrested by Police: If arrested for a crime, you have the right to a government-appointed lawyer if you cannot afford to hire a lawyer.
	Detained by ICE: If detained, you have the right to consult a lawyer, but the government is not required to provide one. You can request a list of free/low-cost lawyers.
	Immigration Questions: You do not have to answer questions about birthplace, citizenship, or how you entered the country (different rules apply at borders, including airports). <i>If you are a non-citizen age 18+ with a green card, valid visa, or other proof of lawful presence in the U.S., you must carry it and may need to show it if an immigration agent asks.</i>
DRIVER'S RIGHTS During a Traffic Stop	Right to Remain Silent: You have the right to remain silent. If you choose to exercise this right, state it clearly to law enforcement.
	ID Requirements: An officer can require you to show your license, vehicle registration, and proof of insurance, and to provide your name and address or the car owner's name and address. <i>Driving without a license may increase the chance of detention.</i>
	Immigration Questions: You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status. <i>See general rights above.</i>
PASSENGER'S RIGHTS During a Traffic Stop	Right to Remain Silent: You have the right to remain silent. If you choose to exercise this right, state it clearly to law enforcement.
	ID Requirements: You generally do not have to show your ID if asked by an officer. <i>Refusing to show your ID is usually not a reason to be detained unless the officer claims reasonable suspicion that you are involved in a crime.</i>
	Immigration Questions: You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status. <i>See general rights above.</i>
RIGHTS When Arrested or Detained	Remain Silent & Ask for a Lawyer: Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately. Do not explain, sign, or decide anything before consulting a lawyer.
	Phone Calls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If arrested by police, you have the right to make a local phone call. Calls to a lawyer cannot be monitored by law enforcement. • If detained by ICE, you have the right to contact your consulate or have them notified of your detention.
	Immigration Information: Memorize your immigration number ("A" Number) and share it with family. <i>Keep a copy of your immigration documents with someone you trust.</i>
	Non-Citizens & Convictions: Ask your lawyer how a criminal conviction or plea affects immigration status. Do not discuss your status with anyone but your lawyer.
	While in Jail/Detained: An immigration agent may visit. Do not answer questions or sign documents before consulting a lawyer. <i>Read all documents carefully; request an interpreter if needed.</i>
IF YOUR RIGHTS Were Violated...	Write down officers' badge numbers, patrol car numbers, law enforcement agencies, and other details. Get witness contact information.
	Seek medical attention immediately for any injuries and take photos.
	You may want to talk to a lawyer. To understand your legal options, you can: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request help from the ACLU of North Carolina using this intake form: acluofnc.org/intake • Contact the state bar association for a lawyer referral.