

If you are approached by ICE (student or not)

You have the right to remain silent:

- You DO NOT have to answer any questions, including about immigration status. Anything you say can be used against you in court. Tip: you can say "I choose to remain silent."
- If asked for identification, you can show a valid and current (not expired) student ID, driver's license, U.S. state ID or U.S. passport (if you are a citizen). If possible, you should carry one of these with you.
- If you are a permanent resident (green card holder), a DACA recipient, a TPS holder, have a valid student visa or other visa, or have asylum or refugee status, the law says you must carry documents that show your status.
- If you are not a U.S. citizen and an immigration agent requests your immigration papers, you must show them if you have them with you.
- DO NOT give a fake ID to any police or immigration officer, as that is a serious crime.
- DO NOT lie and do not falsely claim to be a citizen. Lying about your status can lead to criminal charges and can be used against you in court.

You have the right to refuse consent for a search:

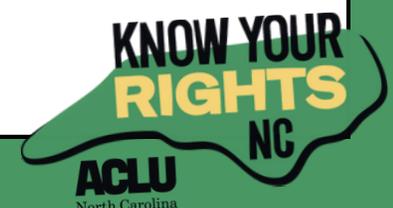
- Immigration agents do not have the right to search you or your belongings without your consent or probable cause. If asked, you can say no.
- Without a warrant signed by a court judge (not an immigration or other agency judge), immigration agents do not have legal authority to enter your dorm room, apartment, or home without your consent. Tip: If they come to your door, you can ask them to slide the warrant under the door or hold it up to a window. To be valid, the warrant must name the person(s) or specify items they're searching for and be signed by a court judge. Otherwise, you DO NOT have to let them in.

You are not required to share your social media accounts or passwords:

- You DO NOT have to provide social media passwords or accounts to immigration authorities unless they have a valid judicial warrant or subpoena for them. An immigration or administrative warrant or subpoena is not the same as a warrant or subpoena signed by a court judge.
- Consider changing your privacy settings on social media to limit access to your posts and avoid publicly sharing sensitive information like your immigration status or your location.
- Store sensitive data in an end-to-end encrypted and password-protected cloud storage account instead of on your phone.
- Disable fingerprint or face recognition biometrics and use a unique password to access your phone's data.

You have the right to ask for a lawyer:

- If you are arrested or detained, request to speak to a lawyer immediately.
- Do not sign any documents or make any statements without first consulting a lawyer. If you don't have a lawyer, contact a trusted person immediately.
- Do not speak about your case to anyone except your lawyer. Anything you say could be used against you.



If you think you are at risk of being targeted by immigration enforcement on campus, here are some ways to prepare:

Assemble an Emergency Packet

Keep this in an easily accessible place. Include:

- Proof of identity (current, not expired): U.S. passport, driver's license, student ID, birth certificate.
- Immigration documents (if applicable): DACA papers, work permits, visas, or other legal records.
- Emergency contact information: phone numbers for your lawyer, trusted family/friends, and any helpful advocacy organizations.
- Emergency funds: cash or a prepaid card for legal or urgent expenses.

Establish Legal Authority

- Create a Power of Attorney to allow a trusted person (family or close friend) to make decisions on your behalf, including legal or financial matters.

Designate Emergency Contacts

- Identify a trusted emergency contact and lawyer that can help.
- Share your emergency packet details with both, and ensure your emergency contact knows how to reach your lawyer if needed.
- Memorize their contact info and also save it in your phone.

Make a Family Plan

- Discuss with your family what to do if you are detained or separated.
- Make sure they know how to reach your lawyer and what steps to take.
- Access the Family Emergency Planning Guide - www.acluofnc.org/kyr-ir

If Someone You Know Is Detained

Contact Legal Help Immediately

- Reach out to a trusted immigration lawyer or legal aid group.
- Share all relevant information about the person and the encounter.
- Legal resources:
 - intake.acluofnc.org
 - ncjustice.org

Organize Support

- Create a secure Signal chat with 2–4 trusted people to coordinate support.
- Family members can use the [ICE Detainee Locator](#) to find the person.

Guidance for Bystanders in ICE Interactions

If you witness ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) activity on or near your campus, you have rights too. Here's what you can do to support and stay safe:

Observe Without Interfering

- DO NOT give legal advice unless you are a trained lawyer
- DO NOT physically intervene, this could risk your safety and lead to arrest. Your role is to witness, document, and support.
- You have the right to watch and document law enforcement actions in public spaces.

Document the Incident

- You have the right to film or photograph ICE or other enforcement actions in public areas.
- Capture details: time, location, officer names/badge numbers, license plates, and what is said or done.
- Focus on officer behavior. Avoid showing the impacted individual's face, blur or frame them out if possible.
- If sharing the footage publicly, try to get consent from the person affected or their family.

Protect Private Spaces

- If asked, do NOT give consent to officers to access private areas like dorm rooms, apartments, or private sections of offices unless they provide a signed judicial warrant.
- Avoid sharing any personal information with officers unless required by law.

Call for Backup

- Contact:
 - Immigrant rights groups
 - Legal hotlines or rapid response networks
- Alert trusted faculty, student orgs, or administrators, but only if safe to do so.

Post ICE Interaction Guidance

Debrief and Document

- Meet with bystanders and those involved to review what happened and identify areas for improvement.
- With consent, share the incident with trusted media or the public to raise awareness.

Report Rights Violations

- If you believe rights were violated, file a report with the intake.acluofnc.org.

Take Action

- Support immigrant communities:
- Volunteer, attend rallies, and join advocacy groups like the ACLU of NC.

