

Police or ICE are at my home!

How to reduce risk to yourself

Stay calm and keep the door closed. Opening the door does not give them permission to come inside, but it is safer to speak to ICE through the door.

Your rights:

- You have the right to remain silent, even if an officer has a warrant.
- You do not have to let police or immigration agents into your home unless they have certain kinds of warrants.

If police have an arrest warrant, they are legally allowed to enter the home of the person on the warrant if they believe that person is inside. But a warrant of removal/deportation (Form I-205) does not allow officers to enter a home without consent.

What to do when the police or ICE arrive:

- Ask if they are immigration agents and what they are there for.
- Ask the agent or officer to show you a badge or identification through the window or peephole.
- Ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge. If they say they do, ask them to slide it under the door or hold it up to a window so you can inspect it.
- Don't lie or produce any false documents. Don't sign anything without speaking with a lawyer first.
- Do not open your door unless ICE shows you a judicial search or arrest warrant naming a person in your residence and/or areas to be searched at your address. If they don't produce a warrant, keep the door closed. State: "I do not consent to your entry."
- If agents force their way in, do not resist. If you wish to exercise your rights, state: "I do not consent to your entry or to your search of these premises. I am exercising my right to remain silent. I wish to speak with a lawyer as soon as possible."
- If you are on probation with a search condition, law enforcement is allowed to enter your home.

Resources in New Mexico to help your friends and neighbors

Somos Un Pueblo Unido 505-424-7832

Santa Fe Dreamers 505-490-2789

Catholic Charities Albuquerque 505-539-0274

Although non-citizens do not have a right to an attorney, they may hire one or seek one for free to advise them at the following:

NMILC NM Immigration Law Center 505-247-1023

UNM School of Law Clinic 505-277-5265