

Our First Priority is Keeping All of New Orleans Safe

Always comply with lawful orders from Law Enforcement. NOPD will not ask about your immigration status. Most of all, keep each other safe.

Know Your Rights

(Via the **NIJC**) "All persons in the United States have constitutional protections, including the right to remain silent when questioned or arrested by immigration officers.

Being stopped by immigration officers or other law enforcement can be frightening, but it's important to stay calm. During any encounter with law enforcement, it's important to do the following:

Stay calm and don't run, argue, resist, or fight the officer, even if you believe your rights are being violated or you are being treated unfairly. Keep your hands where police can see them, and tell them if you need to reach into a glove compartment or for a wallet to show your papers.

Don't lie about your status or provide false documents.

If you are pulled over in a traffic stop: Ask if the officer is from the police department or immigration. Immigration officers often identify themselves as "police," but they are not police. Ask if they are from Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Customs and Border Protection (CBP). If they are immigration officers, follow these guidelines about what information to provide.

If you are a U.S. citizen or have lawful immigration status: Show your passport, legal permanent resident card, work permit, or other documentation of your status. If you are over the age of 18, you should carry your papers with you at all times.

If you are undocumented: You have the right to remain silent and do not have to discuss your immigration or citizenship status with the police, immigration agents, or other officials. Anything you tell an officer can later be used against you in immigration court.

If an officer knocks on your door: Be aware, Officers must have a warrant signed by a judge to enter your home. ICE "warrants" are not signed by judges; they are ICE forms signed by ICE officers and they do not grant authority to enter a home without consent of the occupant(s).

If you are outdoors and think you see immigration officers nearby:

Move to a safe indoor space

If you are a U.S. citizen and feel safe to do so, record the activity with your phone or write down any relevant information about what you witness—ALWAYS being careful to not interfere or otherwise obstruct the operation

DO NOT:

Post unverified information on social media

Interfere with the investigation or otherwise put yourself in harm's way

Legal Resources

I needed to keep these references handy to contact qualified legal representation to help secure your or your family's rights. This information has been compiled from local and community sources with links below. **Have an addition? Email**

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Direct Legal Services:

Tulane Law Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic: Students in the Immigrants' Rights Law Clinic represent detainees, migrant workers, children and other immigrants with critical legal needs working through the U.S. Immigration system.

ISLA - Immigration Services and Legacy Advocacy: Contact apage@islaimmigration.org or (504) 265-0416

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans Immigration and Refugee Services: Immigration Legal Services: (504) 310-6873 and leave a message providing your full name, phone number, and/or email

Legal and Consulate Directories:

Louisiana Immigration Legal Services Directory
Consulado de Mexico en Nueva Orleans
Honorary Consul of the Republic of Honduras

Legal Services for those in need: Can you help?

With experience from other cities, we've learned that some of the most precious resources are those that can be provided by our legal community.

That's why we're calling on lawyers across New Orleans to step up and help provide guidance for people that may be affected by Federal operations.

Can you help? Send us an email with your information and expertise so we can compile and share with advocates. LetsGo@helenamorenola.com.