What if I cannot communicate with immigration agents due to a *language* and/or *disability barrier*?

Assert your right to remain silent by using a red card or other "know your rights" card. Remember that anything you say can be used against you. Always try to remain calm. Do not run away or panic. You can use a red card or other "know your rights" card to assert your rights without saying anything.

To print out a card visit: ilrc.me/protect. They look like this:

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

• NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.

• NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.

• NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.

• Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.

• ENTRÉGUELE ESTA TARJETA EL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or

sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

Here are some examples of interactions you may have with immigration agents:

IN PUBLIC	**AT WORK**	**AT HOME**
Immigration agents may approach you and ask you for your status.	*Immigration agents may come to your workplace.*	*Immigration agents may want to enter your home to arrest you or search your house.*

Assert your right to remain silent, *regardless of your immigration status*. But, if you decide to "break silence" by answering/asking questions, you might choose to do any of the following:

- ➔ **Ask for an interpreter or accommodations.**
- ➔ **Ask for an attorney.**
- ➔ **In public, ask "Am I free to go?"**
- ➔ **At home, ask them to leave.**
- ➔ **Show proof of lawful status.**
- ➔ **Reassert the right to remain silent – you can do this at any time.**

IF YOU ARE DETAINED

You have a right to information and communication in a language and format you understand:

- ➔ Request an interpreter (spoken or sign language).
- ➔ Request translated documents.
- ➔ Request reasonable accommodations for disabilities.
- ➔ In court, you must be provided an interpreter and/or reasonable accommodations.
- ➔ At each stage, if you do not understand the interpreter and/or documents, do your best to explain that you cannot understand.

Do not agree to or sign anything you do not understand!

It is possible that immigration authorities may not provide an interpreter, translated documents, or reasonable accommodations when you ask for them. Making these types of requests, even if you do not get them, may help later in your case to get out of detention and/or fight against being removed.

RESOURCES

- **Rapid Response Hotlines:** Visit ccijustice.org/carrn to find your local rapid response network and report immigration enforcement in your area.

- **Regional Network Hubs for Immigrant Families:** Visit ilrc.org/regional-network-hubs to find your regional hub and be connected to legal service providers, education, and information.

- For more in-depth legal resources for immigrants with disabilities, see Disability Rights Education and Defense Fund's "Know Your Rights: Reasonable Accommodations in Immigration Procedures and Proceedings" at https://dredf.org/kyr-ras-immigration-procedures-and-proceedings/ and "Frequently Asked Questions: Disability, Immigration, and Encounters with ICE" at https://dredf.org/faqs-disability-immigration-and-encounters-with-ice/.

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