

# Know Your Rights

## Immigration and Constitutional law

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### You Have Rights Regardless of Immigration Status

- You have the right to remain silent. If approached by immigration or law enforcement, you can refuse to answer questions about your immigration status (5th amendment).
- You have the right to an attorney. You can ask to speak to a lawyer before answering any questions or signing any documents (6th amendment).
- You have the right to privacy. Do not open your door unless the officers have a signed warrant (4th amendment).

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### In Case Of Encounter with ICE or Detention

- Stay calm and do not run. This can be used against you.
- Ask for an interpreter if needed.
- If you are stopped in public, ask if you are free to leave. If they say yes, walk away calmly.
- Contact a trusted attorney or organization immediately.
- Do not sign anything without consulting a lawyer, especially if it is in a language you do not understand.

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### Understanding Temporary Protections and Documentation

- Programs like TPS (Temporary Protected Status), Ukrainian Humanitarian Parole, and asylum-seeker status are not considered “immigration statuses,” thus, they do not grant permanent residency, but they are immigration benefits that allow you to remain in the U.S. while your case is being resolved or during specific circumstances.
- These benefits act as a form of protection if you encounter ICE. Always carry copies of your immigration applications, receipts, work permits, and any related documentation to demonstrate your status.

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### State of Washington

State law, including the Keep Washington Working Act, ensures state and local enforcement agencies aren't weaponized for federal deportation and family separation programs.

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### Apply for a More Permanent immigration Benefit

Temporary reliefs are just that—temporary. Immigration policies and protections can change frequently, so it is important to explore options that may lead to permanent immigration status. If eligible, consider applying for benefits such as asylum, a U visa, family-based petitions, or other pathways to long-term stability.