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ATTENTION!



Some people who are not United States citizens have been arrested or detained by the U.S. government. Learn how to protect yourself if this happens to you!



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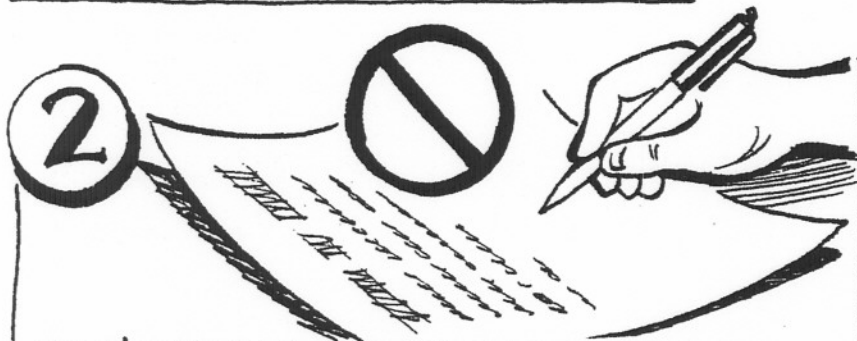
What to do if you are not a citizen or permanent resident of the United States and have been arrested.



REQUEST A WARRANT IF AN OFFICIAL WANTS TO ENTER YOUR HOME
You have the right to see a warrant if the Police Department, FBI, Immigration or other government official tries to enter your home. The warrant will specify the areas that the official has the right to search. Observe whether the official searches any other areas that are not listed on the warrant.



THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT.
It is your right to refuse to answer any question. **DON'T LIE!** Don't say anything or say only:
"I need to speak with my lawyer"



DON'T SIGN ANY DOCUMENT BEFORE SPEAKING WITH A LAWYER.
Government officials may try to intimidate you or trick you into signing. Don't let yourself be tricked!

4 PROTECT YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

If you are undocumented, don't provide government officials information about your immigration status!
If you do give this information, you may be helping the government speed up your deportation.

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FIND OUT WHO HAS ARRESTED YOU

Write the name of the officers and their agency (Police Dept., FBI, Immigration), along with their identification numbers, and license plate numbers. You can find this information on their uniform or their cars.



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DON'T ADMIT YOUR GUILT WITHOUT FIRST HAVING SPOKEN WITH AN IMMIGRATION LAWYER



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MAKE SURE YOUR FAMILY HAS YOUR IMMIGRATION NUMBER (if you have one).

You will find this number on your work permission or your residency card. The number begins with a letter "A".





What should you do if you have been accused of a crime_____?

Consult with an immigration attorney to make sure that the crime will not affect your immigration status. If you want to apply for citizenship or a permanent residency card (green card), talk to your lawyer.

What should you do if you need an attorney and you are facing deportation_____?

Find an attorney who specializes in deportation. Don't be tricked by people who are only after your money! Always keep with you the complete name and contact information of your attorney. Request a written contract from your attorney before paying him/her. Make sure that your family receives a copy of all the documents that your attorney will need to process your case.