

Sikh Coalition: Immigration Know Your Rights and Resources

Please note that this information is not intended as legal advice. If you are in need of specific and immediate legal assistance, please [contact](https://www.sikhcoalition.org/legal-help) the Sikh Coalition directly at <https://www.sikhcoalition.org/legal-help> or see our resource list below.

The Sikh Coalition recognizes that immigration is a complex issue, and even though it is not a primary institutional area of focus, the Sikh Coalition has collected immigration resources from other organizations that specialize in providing support and legal counsel to Sikhs and other impacted communities as they navigate entrance into the United States of America.

If you need assistance with immigration matters, please consult some of these resources. Please note that the Sikh Coalition does not endorse any of these organizations, referral services, or attorneys. In addition, the Sikh Coalition does not participate in, nor is it responsible for, the representation decisions or performance of these organizations, referral services, or attorneys.

Know Your Rights:

- AILA Punjabi Know Your Rights (including Punjabi) <http://www.aila.org/advo-media/tools/psas/know-your-rights-handouts-if-ice-visits>
- ACLU Know Your Rights (including Punjabi) <https://www.aclu.org/other/aclu-issues-multi-lingual-know-your-rights-pamphlet-educate-public>
- Sikh Family Center - National Helpline (408) 800-SEVA (7382)
 - KYR Immigration Videos: <https://www.facebook.com/SikhFamilyCenter/>
 - Know Your Rights with ICE (English): http://sikhfamilycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/KYR-with-ICE-English_back.pdf
 - Know Your Rights with ICE (Punjabi): http://sikhfamilycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/KYR-with-ICE-Punjabi_back.pdf
 - Red cards (English & Punjabi): http://sikhfamilycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/Red_Awareness_Cards-engpunj.pdf
 - How to Use Your Red Card Booklet (English & Punjabi): http://sikhfamilycenter.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/SFC_redcard_handout_LQ-2.pdf

Government Resources

- Executive Order 13166 and accompanying guidance from the Department of Justice (regarding language access in federal agencies)
 - <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2000-08-16/pdf/00-20938.pdf>
- Limited English Proficiency Interagency Website
 - <https://www.lep.gov/>
- DOJ Title VI Legal Manual
 - <https://www.justice.gov/crt/case-document/file/934826/download>
- ICE's National Detainee Handbook
 - <https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2017/detainee-handbook.PDF>
- ICE's 2011 Operations Manual ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards
 - <https://www.ice.gov/detention-standards/2011>



- ICE's 2008 Operations Manual ICE Performance-Based National Detention Standards
 - <https://www.ice.gov/detention-standards/2008>
- ICE's Language Access Plan
 - <https://www.ice.gov/sites/default/files/documents/Document/2015/LanguageAccessPlan.pdf>
- ICE's 2009 Parole Directive
 - https://www.ice.gov/doclib/dro/pdf/11002.1-hd-parole_of_arriving_alien_found_credible_fear.pdf
- February 13, 2019 Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Report entitled "Issues Requiring Action at Essex County Correctional Facility in Newark, New Jersey"
 - <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2019-02/OIG-19-20-Feb19.pdf>
- January 29, 2019 OIG Report entitled "ICE Does Not Fully Use Contracting Tools to Hold Contractors Accountable for Failing to Meet Performance Standards"
 - <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2019-02/OIG-19-18-Jan19.pdf>
- September 27, 2018 OIG Report entitled "Management Alert - Issues Requiring Action at the Adelanto ICE Processing Center in Adelanto, California"
 - <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/reports/2018/management-alert-issues-requiring-action-adelanto-ice-processing-center-adelanto-california/oig-18-86-sep18>
- June 26, 2018 OIG Report entitled "ICE's Inspections and Monitoring of Detention Facilities Do Not Lead to Sustained Compliance or Systemic Improvements"
 - <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2018-06/OIG-18-67-Jun18.pdf>
- December 11, 2018 OIG Report entitled "Concerns about ICE Detainee Treatment and Care at Detention Facilities"
 - <https://www.oig.dhs.gov/sites/default/files/assets/2017-12/OIG-18-32-Dec17.pdf>

Find a lawyer (legal service referral for low-income immigrants):

- Department of Justice, Executive Office for Immigration Review <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/list-pro-bono-legal-service-providers>
- ImmigrationLawHelp.org <https://www.immigrationlawhelp.org>
- National Immigrant Justice Center <http://www.immigrantjustice.org>
- NYU Immigrant Rights Clinic <https://www.law.nyu.edu/academics/clinics/year/immigrantrights>

Ally Organizations

- National Immigration Law Center <https://www.nilc.org/>
- Administrative Relief Resource Center <https://www.adminrelief.org/about/>
- National Immigration Project <http://www.nationalimmigrationproject.org/>
- American Immigration Council <https://www.americanimmigrationcouncil.org/topics>
- South Asian Americans Leading Together <http://saalt.org/policy-change/immigrant-rights/>
- ACLU Prison Project <https://www.aclu.org/other/aclu-national-prison-project>
- ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project <https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights>
- Civil Rights Education & Enforcement Center (CREEC Law) <https://creeclaw.org/>
- Las Americas Immigrant Advocacy Center <http://las-americas.org/>
- Immigration Advocates Network <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/>
- RAICES <https://www.raicestexas.org/about/>
- The Florence Project <https://firrp.org/who/mission/>



- Tahirih Justice Center <https://www.tahirih.org/>
- Women's Refugee Commission <https://www.womensrefugeecommission.org/about>

For additional legal referrals, please [contact](#) the Sikh Coalition legal team directly at <https://www.sikhcoalition.org/legal-help>.

While the Sikh Coalition does not represent individuals in immigration cases, we have brought specific civil rights concerns to the attention of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Office of the Inspector General and the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and called for greater oversight in local, state, and national-level testimony before legislators. Our arguments have addressed ICE's failure to provide adequate language assistance, medical care, and religious accommodations in detention facilities and its failure to properly assess individual immigrants' cases when making parole and bond decisions.

Other organizations have similarly raised concerns in administrative and federal complaints about the treatment of immigrants:

- The [American Immigration Council](#) and the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#) filed an [administrative complaint](#) on April 3, 2019, with the Department of Justice regarding due process violations and the mistreatment of immigrants in the El Paso Service Processing Center immigration court.
- On April 6, 2016, the [American Civil Liberties Union](#) (ACLU) and the ACLU Foundation of Southern California filed a [federal complaint](#) regarding unreasonable bonds for immigrant detainees based on the federal government's failure to consider immigrants' financial resources or ability to pay. The Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals [affirmed](#) the District Court's order granting a preliminary injunction, finding that the government must consider financial ability when making bond determinations. More information about the case may be found at: <https://www.aclu.org/cases/hernandez-v-sessions>.
- The ACLU, [Center for Gender and Refugee Studies](#), [Human Rights First](#) and [Covington & Burling LLP](#) filed a [federal complaint](#) on March 15, 2018, challenging the policy of parole denials taking place in the Detroit, El Paso, Los Angeles, Newark and Philadelphia ICE detention centers. A [preliminary injunction](#) was granted, prohibiting ICE from denying parole to certified class members within those detention centers absent an individual determination finding that a class member presents a flight risk or danger to the community. More information about the case may be found at: <https://www.aclu.org/cases/damus-v-nielsen>.
- On February 27, 2019, [Muslim Advocates](#) and [Americans for Immigrant Justice](#) filed a [federal complaint](#) alleging that ICE's Florida Glade's County Detention Center failed to provide religious accommodations to Muslim detainees.

