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Immigration Know Your Rights: Types of Immigration Officers

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- An immigration officer works for the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Under DHS, there are two types of immigration officers that can arrest people.
- One type is the “Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) Immigration Officer.”
 - CBP immigration officers are at airports, train stations, and border crossings between the United States and Canada or Mexico.
 - CBP immigration officers can stop and arrest people 100-miles near any border, airport, or port of entry.
 - CBP immigration officers can deport individuals
- The other type is the “Immigration Customs and Enforcement Immigration (ICE) Officer.”
 - ICE officers can stop and arrest people anywhere inside the United States; they can show up at your home, your place of work, or at the gurdwara.
 - Because ICE can appear in regular clothes, you should always ask for identification.
 - ICE immigration officers must show you proof that they are an immigration officer.
- A recent Trump Administration policy change now allows some other federal law enforcement agents to conduct immigration enforcement (including arrests).
 - We are still learning more about this policy and how it will work in practice.
 - For example, a recent agreement between Nassau County in New York and the federal government deputizes local law enforcement officers to act as federal immigration officials. This includes interviewing individuals about their immigration status, checking DHS databases, issuing “immigration detainers,” entering data into immigration databases, issuing “notices to appear,” making recommendations for “voluntary departure,” and transferring noncitizens into ICE custody.