



Know Your Rights: Immigration and ICE Summary

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This information is not formal legal advice. If you need specific and immediate legal aid, contact the Sikh Coalition [here](#). View our more detailed Know Your Rights resource [here](#), and see guidance for gurdwarae [here](#).

- Always **ask anyone claiming to be from law enforcement for their identification**. If they do not have identification, you do not have to speak to them.
- You never have to talk to ICE agents about your immigration status or the immigration status of others in the sangat. Even if ICE agents attempt to bully or scare you, **you have the right to remain silent**.
- Showing **an official document or a picture of an official document** (a U.S. passport, a green card, or visa paperwork) is the quickest way to end a conversation with an ICE agent. Do not show ICE agents passports from foreign governments.
- If you are detained by ICE, **you have the right to an attorney—but you must find your own**. The Sikh Coalition has resources to help you find an attorney.
- ICE needs **a judicial warrant signed by a judge to enter a private space** like a home or business. You can ask ICE for a warrant through a door or window; if they do not have a warrant and you do not let them in, they must leave.
- The Trump Administration recently ended a policy that helped protect gurdwarae and other houses of worship from immigration raids. **If ICE comes to your gurdwara, they should be asked for a judicial warrant signed by a judge**; if they do not have one, they should be asked to leave.
- **No one at the gurdwara has to talk to ICE** or answer their questions about the sangat.

When in doubt, say: *“I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions about my immigration status, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.”*