



Immigrant families may not know that everyone in the United States has rights even if they have no immigration status. They have the right to refuse to speak with an immigration official until they have a chance to speak with an attorney. They have the right to refuse to open their door for an immigration official unless the official has a warrant from a judge. Go to <https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/everyone-has-certain-basic-rights/> for more information.

Immigrant families should also know that they have the right to call the police, fire department and other responders for an emergency. Immigrants who are victims of crime should not fear calling the police for help because they lack immigration status. In fact, there is a special immigration visa available to survivors of crimes who help with a criminal investigation.

### Encourage families to prepare

Encourage families to follow the news. The proposed immigration policies have been just talk at this point. It's impossible to predict which ones will become a reality and when. Therefore, families need to follow the news to see what develops and to assess which may most affect them.

Without creating panic, it is important that immigrant families prepare for the potentially harsh new immigration policies. Mixed status families, in particular, are vulnerable to being separated if family members are undocumented. Parents should know that if they have not been deported before, they have a right to hearing before a judge. They cannot be deported without a hearing. Nonetheless, they should have child care and an

emergency plan in place if the parents are taken into immigration custody.

### Host community events at schools

Ready California is a collaborative of nonprofit community education, outreach and legal services partners throughout (g. N)-4fB1 0 0

Make resources and information available

Check back with Ready California and its partners about materials you can share with immigrant families including:

- Know Your Rights flyers & red cards
- Legal services referral sheets
- Anti-fraud brochures
- Family protection toolkits
- Immigration options flyers

Make schools safe spaces from immigration enforcement

Case Study: SFUSD's Policy Restricting ICE Access

San Francisco Unified School