

Know your rights

You do not have to open the door to any immigration agent or to the police unless they have a valid arrest or search warrant.

If you open the door, the officials will consider that you are giving them permission to enter. Once they are inside, an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agent will likely ask for documents of everyone inside. You can ask the agent to pass the warrant under the door. **You do not have to sign it if it is not valid.**

What is a warrant?

A warrant is a document signed by a judge—not just ICE officials—that authorizes officials to enter your house. To be valid:

An arrest warrant must specify:

- The name of the person they are looking for.
- The address where that person lives. (That person must be present in the home.)

A search warrant must specify:

- · The address they are going to search.
- · Which places, in detail, they are going to search.
- · What they are looking for.

If the agents have a warrant, review it to determine if they have searched an area that is not authorized in the warrant. If the agents enter the house without a valid warrant, ask for the names and badge numbers of the agents. You can state that you do not consent to the search. If they have a valid arrest warrant, send that person out rather than opening the door to the officials.



Phone numbers and more details

Important details

Phone numbers

List any important contact information here, in case your home or someone in it is searched or detained:

More information online

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