

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT ICE DETENTION

If ICE detains you, you still have rights:

- You do not have to answer questions about your immigration status.
- You do not need to sign any papers without talking to a lawyer.
- You have the right to find a lawyer, but the government will not give you one for free.
- You can ask a judge to hear your case unless you are subject to “**expedited removal.**”
- Never lie about your citizenship status or provide fake documents.

What is “Expedited Removal”?

It is a fast way to deport a person if the person:

- Entered the U.S. illegally, **and**
- Cannot show they have been in the U.S. for two continuous years prior to their detention.

If you are subject to expedited removal an immigration officer can remove you without a hearing. **Even if you are subject to expedited removal, you can still seek for asylum.** If you fear going back to your home country, tell ICE right away. Ask for a “credible fear interview.” If the officer agrees you have a real fear, you can see an immigration judge to defend your case.

Carry Papers to Prove You Have Been in the U.S. for Two Years

These papers can include:

- Lease or rental agreements
- Utility bills
- Receipts
- Tax returns
- Children’s birth certificates or school records
- Mail or other documents with your name and dates
- Geotagged social media posts
- Photos with clear dates and U.S. locations
- Any other records from the last two years

Carry Papers to Prove You Have a Legal Status or Legal Entry

- Proof of legal entry (like Form I-94)
- Copy of a receipt notice of a pending case especially (I-485 and I-751)
- Green Card
- Employment Authorization Card

If you or someone you know needs help, please contact our office.