What to Do If You’re Stopped by Immigration Officers

Keep this card handy! If you have a immigration encounter, you can protect yourself.

1. You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions. You can tell the officer that you want to speak with a lawyer before answering any questions. You may say, “I will remain silent until I speak to an attorney.” You do not have the right to an appointed free lawyer, but you do have the right to talk to a lawyer and to hire one on your own.

If You Are Arrested by Immigration Officers:

1. You have the right to talk to a lawyer and to hire one on your own.

2. You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions. You can tell the officer that you want to speak with a lawyer before answering any questions. You may say, “I will remain silent until I speak to an attorney.” You do not have the right to an appointed free lawyer, but you do have the right to talk to a lawyer and to hire one on your own.
2. You do not have to sign anything giving up your rights, and should never sign anything without reading it first and understanding the consequences of signing it. Signing a document without understanding it could result in you being deported before you see a lawyer.

2. तपाईलाई केही हस्ताक्षर गर्न भन्ने मा तु तपाईलाई तकाज्ञ सबै देखाउने हस्ताक्षर गर्न तपाईलाई अधिकार हो। तपाईलाई ति काज्ञ समयमा नबुझे सम्भ हस्ताक्षर नगर्नु होला। नबुझे हस्ताक्षर गरेमा तपाईलाई देखाउने एक आवासन सहसोहा छैन ।

3. Talk to a lawyer before signing anything or making a decision about your situation. If possible, carry with you the name and telephone number of a lawyer who will take your calls. Immigration law is hard to understand. You may have options that immigration officers will not explain.

3. आफू सन्स आफनो वकिलको नाम र नम्बर लिए हिन्नु होला। केही मा हस्ताक्षर गर्नु अगाडि आफनो वकिललाई सोध्नु होला। अध्यागमन कानून बुझन कठिन छ। अध्यागमन अधिकारीहर्द्वारे त्याख्या नगरे पनि वकिल ले विकल्प खोज्न सक्छन।

4. If you are not a U.S. citizen, you have the right to call your consulate or to have a law enforcement officer tell consulate officials of your arrest. Law enforcement officers must let your consulate visit or speak with you if consular officials decide to do so. Your consulate might be able to help you find a lawyer.

4. तपाईए एक अमेरिकी नागरिक हैन भने, तपाईले आफनो दूतावासमा सम्पर्क गर्न अथवा कानून प्रवर्तन अधिकारीलाई आफनो गिरफ्तारी को सम्पर्क गराउने तपाईले को अधिकार हो। यी अधिकारीहर्द्वारे तपाईलाई एक वकिल फेला पाँज दब्दब गर्न सहयोग गर्न सक्छ।

If an Immigration Officer Asks You Questions:

एक आवासन अधिकारी तपाई प्रश्न सोध्न भने:

1. You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to answer questions asked by immigration officers if you do not want to answer them. This includes questions about your citizenship status, birthplace or place of residence. If you are asked about your immigration status and you wish to remain silent, you may say: "I have the right to remain silent."

1. तपाई भन्ने भएको स्थिति, जब तपाईले तिर प्रश्नहरूका जवाब दिन स्वाभिमान छ। तपाईलाई आफनो नागरिकताको स्थिति, जसमा ठाउँ वा ठेगानाबाट प्रश्न गरीयो नबुझी बसन सक्नु हुन्छ। यस बारे, यदि तपाईलाई अध्यागमन स्थितिको बारेमा सोध्यो भने तपाई भन्ने मान्ने रहन सक्नु हुन्छ र "म मान्ने रहन अधिकार छ।" भन्न सक्नु हुन्छ।

2. Always remember that even if you answered some questions, you can still decide that you do not want to answer any additional questions.

2. तपाईले सबै प्रश्नको उत्तर दिन अनिवर्य छ।

3. Never lie. Do not falsely claim to be a U.S. citizen or to be lawfully in the United States.

3. कृपया झूठ नबोल्नुहोस्। अमेरिकी नागरिक हुन बारे वा अमेरिकाको कानूनि रूपमा रहेको बारेमा झूठ नबोल्नुहोस्।

If an Immigration Officer Asks You for Immigration Documents:

एक आवासन अधिकारी तपाईले आवासन नागरितात छानविन गर्न खोजेमा:

1. If you are a United States citizen, you do not need to show any documents. You should say, politely, “I am a United States citizen.” You may choose to show documentation, such as your New York driver’s license, which proves that you lawfully reside in the United States.
Visit www.nyclu.org to learn more about the NYCLU's work to defend immigrants' rights. If you feel that your rights have been violated during an interaction with an immigration officer, please call your local NYCLU office:

NYCLU को आप्रवासी 'अधिकार रक्षा गर्ने' वार्ता जानन www.nyclu.org जानिन। यदी तपाईलाई आफ्नो अधिकार एक अधिकारीसंगको अन्तर्क्रिया मात्रा लागि भएको जस्तो लाग्नेको भने, कृपया तपाईको स्थानीय NYCLU कार्यालयमा सम्पर्क गर्नु लागिन।

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