



YOU ARE WELCOME IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

Your Rights and Resources 2021



County Agencies will not ask about your immigration status to support immigration enforcement

"Our law enforcement and other support agencies will continue to follow local laws, rules and regulations. As a matter of policy, we do not inquire about anyone's immigration status to support immigration enforcement, nor do we conduct immigration raids or investigations."
- County Executive Marc Elrich

"In Montgomery County, we stand with our immigrant community, not just in words, but in our actions. Every Montgomery County resident has the right to feel safe in their home, workplace and community. We encourage residents to take advantage of our incredible community organizations for legal advice and assistance and to know their rights at all times."

- Council President Tom Hucker

TRUSTED NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

CASA Emergency Hotline for Immigration Raids:

240-650-1012 Call if you are a victim of an immigration raid or know of a raid in the area. www.wearecasa.org

Sanctuary DMV's ICE Emergency Hotline: 202-335-1183 Call in case of an ICE raid, recent detention, or emergency, or if you want a trained group of volunteers to go with you to an ICE check-in or immigration court.

www.sanctuarydmv.org

CAIR Coalition assists those in ICE detention: From the community, call 202-331-3329 for assistance. Dial #1686 from inside the ICE detention center. Leave a message with a number at 202-331-3320 ext. 7027

www.caircoalition.org

HOW TO PREPARE

Develop a **Family Preparedness Plan** in case you are arrested by ICE (visit www.ilrc.org/step-step-family-preparedness-plan for guides in English, Spanish and Chinese).

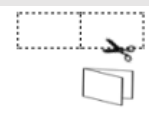
- **Consider creating a Power of Attorney**, so you can give someone legal authority to make decisions for you if you are picked up by ICE. Please consult an attorney if you wish to create a Power of Attorney.
- **Consider appointing a standby guardian** for your children in case you are picked up by ICE. See Maryland Court form, Parental Designation and Consent to the Beginning of Standby Guardianship (available in different languages: <https://www.mdcourts.gov/family/formsindex>) For assistance filling out the form, call the Standby Guardianship Project at 667-444-2324
- **Update emergency contact information** to add individuals who can pick up your child if you are unable to. Fill out MCPS Form 565-1, Student Emergency Information (available in other languages).
<http://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/forms/detail.aspx?formID=353&formNumber=565-1&catID=2&subCatID=5>

- **Memorize the phone number of a friend, family member, or attorney** that you can call if you are arrested.
- If you take care of children or others, **make a plan to have them taken care of** if you are detained.
- **Keep important documents** such as birth certificates and immigration documents in a safe place where a friend or family member can access them. Make extra copies of all documents.
- **Make sure your loved ones know how to find you** if you are detained by ICE. They can use ICE's online detainee locator <https://www.ice.gov/contact/ero> or call the local ICE office in Baltimore at 410-637-4000. Make sure they have your alien registration number, if you have one. Fill out an ICE Privacy Waiver authorizing Disclosure to a Third Party <https://www.ice.gov/doclib/news/library/forms/pdf/60-001.pdf>, so that ICE can release information to your loved ones about you.
- You can call the Executive Office for Immigration Review's Hotline at 800-898-7180 to **get information on the status of your immigration court case**.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CARD www.ilrc.org/red-cards

Cut, fold and keep with you at all times

<p>You have constitutional rights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door. • DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent. • DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer. • If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly. • GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door. 	<p>I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.</p> <p>I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.</p> <p>I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.</p> <p>I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.</p> <p><i>These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.</i></p>
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HOW TO FIND A RELIABLE LAWYER

The following provide free or low cost immigration legal services:

CAIR Coalition - Serves immigrants in detention facilities in MD and VA.

- Call 202-331-3320.
www.caircoalition.org

Catholic Charities - To receive help on an immigration matter, call 202-772-4352 on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 10 a.m. and 12 p.m. Legal consultations may be available for a low fee.
www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ils/

- Silver Spring: 301-942-1790
- Gaithersburg: 301-740-2523

Ayuda - Offers legal representation to low-income immigrants. Legal consultations are available for a low fee.
<https://www.ayuda.com/new-legal-services/>

- Silver Spring: 240-594-0600

Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center (www.apalrc.org) offers immigration and other legal services to immigrants from all countries, including citizenship workshops and free legal clinics.
(<https://www.apalrc.org/walk-in-clinics-and-workshops/>) Special hotlines are available for Asian languages. For legal assistance, email or call:

- (202) 393-3572, main extension: ext. 22
 - Chinese: ext. 18
 - Hindi/Urdu: ext. 19
 - Vietnamese: ext. 20
 - Korean: ext. 21

For free legal consultations on a variety of legal topics:

Montgomery County Bar Foundation - All legal clinics are closed until further notice due to COVID-19. For updates, see:
www.barmont.org/page/ClinicsClinicas

CASA - Provides legal services for low-income immigrants in housing, employment and immigration matters. Members receive free legal consultations by appointment only. Offices are currently closed due to COVID-19.
<https://wearecasa.org/programs/legal/>

Be Aware of Immigration Scams and/or Notarios! People may offer immigration benefits that do not exist. Only seek legal help from reputable legal providers.

To report immigration fraud, contact:

- **Montgomery County's Office on Consumer Protection:** 240-777- 3636 www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/
- **Maryland Attorney General, Consumer Protection:** English: 410-528-8662, Español: 410-230-1712.
www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/immFraud/default.aspx
- **Executive Office for Immigration Review:** Call 1-877-388-3840, send an email to EOIR.Fraud.Program@usdoj.gov, or visit the EOIR website at: www.justice.gov/eoir/fraud-and-abuse-prevention-program

To find additional reputable immigration attorneys, visit these websites:

- **Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center:**
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/immigration-legal.html#legal>
- **Immigration Advocates Network:**
<https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/>

To find private immigration attorneys, please visit:

- **American Immigration Lawyers Association:**
<https://www.aialawyer.com/>
- **The Montgomery County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service** assists people in finding a private attorney. www.barmont.org/page/24
 - Call 301-279-9100 from 9am-1pm on Mon.-Fri. Spanish operators are available, and multilingual attorneys may also be available.

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

Call the **Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center** www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/ at 240-777-4940 if you need more resources. You can also get information on free or low cost classes, such as English, computers, and citizenship preparation. We can help in any language.

Visit informedimmigrant.com (English) or inmigranteinformado.com (Español) for information on DACA, TPS, Know Your Rights, public charge, and more.

Visit immi.org (English) or immi.org/es (Español) for an online screening tool that can help identify if you have a path to legal immigration status, and to learn about your legal rights and options.

For a more detailed discussion on immigration and resources in Montgomery County, please review our **Immigration FAQs**, located at: <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/immigration-legal.html#faqs>.

BE AWARE

Do Not Open Doors

- ICE can misrepresent themselves as police or service contractors. They may even wear uniforms that say "Police" on it. This has been an increasingly common practice in the area.
- Ask to see ID.
- They cannot enter without a warrant signed by a judge. You are giving consent to enter if you open the door.

Remain Silent

- Just say: "I have the right to remain silent"
- Do not answer any questions or give information about your immigration status. ICE can use anything you say against you.

Do Not Sign Anything

- Do not sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.

INFORMATION ON PUBLIC BENEFITS

- For information on public charge, visit the **Protecting Immigrant Families** website <https://protectingimmigrantfamilies.org/know-your-rights/> Use the Online Public Charge Screening Tool to see if public charge applies to you, and review the community education materials to see which benefits count as public charge and which do not. Materials are available in multiple languages.
- For information on how to apply for public benefits during COVID-19, visit the **Department of Health and Human Service's** COVID-19 website: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HHS/RightNav/COVID19Applications.html> For questions about which benefits you might qualify for, and to get help applying, contact the Office of Eligibility and Support Services (OESS) at: 240-777-1003, or OESS.MoCo@montgomerycountymd.gov
- For more information on programs and resources that can provide assistance during COVID-19, visit the Montgomery County COVID-19 website: <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/covid19/get-help/>

Call the Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center at 240-777-4940 Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Call Us for Help Finding:

- Food Assistance
- Health Care and COVID-19 Testing
- Information on housing and eviction concerns
- Organizations that can answer questions about immigration
- FREE or low-cost legal assistance, job training, and more

Call Us To Learn About:

- Free and low-cost online English, Computer and Citizenship Preparation classes

**We are ready to help you in your language.
All voicemails will be returned.**

GilchristCenter@montgomerycountymd.gov
www.montgomerycountymd.gov/Gilchrist
Join us: www.facebook.com/GilchristImmigrantResourceCenter

Twelve things for you and your family to remember in ANY situation

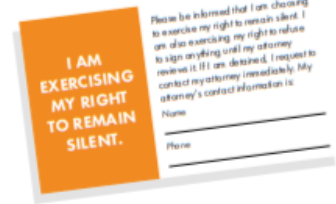
1 Anything you say can be used against you.

2 You have the right to remain silent.



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If you wish to remain silent, say it out loud or show your Know Your Rights card.



4 Always carry U.S. identification and copies of immigration documents.

5 Never carry false documents or documents from another country.

6 Never lie to officers.

7 You have the right to speak with your attorney.

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Never run in a raid or if you are approached by officers.



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Never physically fight back if you are being arrested or detained.



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You have the right to refuse to sign anything before speaking with your attorney.



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If you are in police custody or detention, do not discuss your immigration information or criminal history with ANYONE other than your attorney.

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If you are questioned or in a raid, write down what happened in detail as soon as it is safe to do so. Tell your attorney and your support groups right away.



Home

- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR. Ask for ID (look through a window).
- Officers can only enter with a valid warrant or with your permission.
- Ask to see a warrant. If it is not valid, ask the officers to leave.
- If officers enter (with or without a valid warrant) say you do not consent. Tell them if there are children, elderly or sick people in the house.



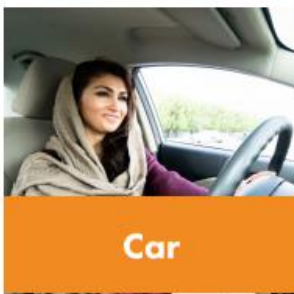
Street/Public Place

- Do not run.
- Before saying anything (including your name) ask, "Am I free to go?"
- If yes, walk away slowly. If no, do not walk away.
- In some states, you must give your name.
- If you are searched, stay calm and say "I do not consent to this search."



Work

- Officers can only enter with a valid warrant or with permission from your employer.
- Have an emergency plan with your co-workers (see p. 18).
- If your employer is not available or has given permission to officers to enter, know who will speak to officers. The person should ask for identification and a warrant.
- If you are searched, stay calm and say, "I do not consent to this search."



Car

- Pull over, turn the car off and put your hands on the steering wheel.
- Follow all instructions, including providing license, registration and insurance. Do not give fake documents.
- If officer searches your car, stay calm and say, "I do not consent to this search."



Jail/Police Custody

- Request a phone call to your attorney or other emergency contact.
- Use your Know Your Rights card. Remember your right to remain silent and say you will not sign anything before speaking with your attorney.
- Request a copy of all papers your attorney submits to the judge as part of your case.



Immigration Detention Center

- Request a phone call to your attorney or other emergency contact and your consulate.
- Use your Know Your Rights card. Remember your rights to remain silent and to refuse to sign anything before speaking with your attorney.
- Request a copy of all papers in your case.
- Request to be released on bond.