



# YOU ARE WELCOME IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD

## Your Rights and Resources 2019



### 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

*"We also encourage residents to seek help from organizations that provide legal assistance and advice, so individuals will know their rights if they are stopped or detained by ICE."*

— Council President Nancy Navarro

### TRUSTED NUMBERS TO CALL IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

#### CASA Emergency Hotline for Immigration Raids:

240-650-1012 or 1-855-678-2272 Call if you are a victim of an immigration raid or know of a raid in the area. [www.wearecasa.org](http://www.wearecasa.org)

**Sanctuary DMV's ICE Emergency Hotline:** 202-335-1183 Call in case of an ICE raid 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](http://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 202-330-3320 ext. 7027 [www.caircoalition.org](http://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](http://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: 240-395-4443.
- **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](http://www.ilrc.org/red-cards)

**Cut, fold and keep with you at all times**

You have constitutional rights:

- **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.

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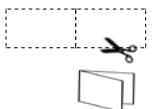
I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

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.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

*These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.*



## 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](http://www.caircoalition.org)

**Catholic Charities** - To receive help on an immigration matter, attend an intake session. Legal consultations may be available for a low fee. [www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ils/](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/ils/)

- Northwest Washington D.C. (Columbia Heights): 202-939-2420
- 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/what-we-do/legal-services/#1525654100988-3805dccb-534e>

- Silver Spring: 240-594-0600
- Washington D.C.: 202-387-4848
- Fairfax, VA: 703-444-7009

**The Montgomery County Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service** assists people in finding a private attorney. [www.barmont.org/page/24](http://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.

*To find additional reputable immigration attorneys, visit these websites:*

- <https://montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/immigration-legal.html#legal> (Gilchrist Center)
- <https://www.immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/> (Immigration Advocates Network)
- <https://www.ailalawyer.com/> (American Immigration Lawyers Assoc.)
- <https://www.justice.gov/eoir/page/file/942306/download#MARYLAND> (Department of Justice)

*For free legal consultations on a variety of legal topics:*

Visit a Pro Bono Clinic run by the **Montgomery County Bar Foundation** [www.barmont.org/page/ClinicsClinicas](http://www.barmont.org/page/ClinicsClinicas):

- 8513 Piney Branch Road, Silver Spring, MD 20901  
1st and 3rd Wed. of the month; Registration: 6-7pm
- 18330 Montgomery Village Ave., 2nd floor, Gaithersburg, MD 20879  
2nd and 4th Mon. of the month; Registration: 6-7pm
- 11002 Veirs Mill Road, Suite 506, Wheaton, MD 20902  
2nd and 4th Wed. of the month; Registration: 6-7pm

**CASA** - Provides legal services for low-income immigrants in housing, employment and immigration matters. Members receive free legal consultations on Tue. mornings at 7am at: 8151 15th Ave., Hyattsville, MD 20783. <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/](http://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](http://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](mailto:EOIR.Fraud.Program@usdoj.gov), or visit the EOIR website at: [www.justice.gov/eoir/fraud-and-abuse-prevention-program](http://www.justice.gov/eoir/fraud-and-abuse-prevention-program)

## WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

Call the **Gilchrist Immigrant Resource Center**

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/gilchrist/) at 240-777-4940 if you need more resources. You can also get information on free classes, such as English, computers, and citizenship preparation. We have 4 locations and can help in any language:

- Wheaton Office (Headquarters): 240-777-4940  
Hours: Mon-Thu, 9am-5pm
- Gaithersburg Library Site: 240-777-4960; Hours: Tue. 5-9pm, Wed., Fri., Sat. 10am-3pm
- East County Site: 240-777-8406; Hours: Tue. 1-9pm, Thu. 9am-5pm, Sat. 9am-1pm
- Upcounty Site: 240-777-6950; Hours: Tue. & Thu. 5pm-9pm

Call **Montgomery County Health and Human Service's** Neighborhood Opportunity Network (NON) sites <https://www3.montgomerycountymd.gov/311/SolutionView.aspx?SolutionId=1-6GFQ55> to find out what public benefits you may be able to receive. Note that you have the right to ask for an interpreter at all County offices.

- Silver Spring (TESS Center): 240-773-8260
- Silver Spring (Catholic Charities): 301-942-1790
- Gaithersburg (Family Services, Inc.): 240-773-1151

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>.

# 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.



**3**

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

Get one on page 13!



**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.

**8**

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



**9**

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



**10**

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



**11**

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

**12**

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.