

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: Juveniles & Immigration

If Immigration Officials interview you, REMEMBER:

YOU CAN ASK TO SPEAK WITH AN ATTORNEY BEFORE YOU ANSWER QUESTIONS RELATED TO YOUR IMMIGRATION STATUS

- A List of Free Legal Services Providers Must be Given to You
- Immigration Must Permit You to Make Phone Calls to Legal Counsel, to Relatives, and to Your Consulate
- Consulting with an Attorney *Before* You Answer Questions is Important Because:

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A GREEN CARD OR OTHER STATUS IF YOU:

Have been abused, abandoned, or neglected & have an open juvenile court case (Dependency & Neglect, Delinquency, or Guardianship)

Have been abused by an LPR or U.S. citizen parent or spouse

Have been the victim of a crime, suffered harm as a result, & helped law enforcement

Have been forced to work for little/no pay, or are under 18 & in sex industry

Have Lawful Permanent Resident or U.S. Citizen Family Members

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT

IMPORTANT! *The information you share can be used to deport you or members of your family!*

“Are you in the U.S. legally?”
“When did you come to the U.S.?”
“Can I see your birth certificate?”
“Where were you born?”



“I AM CHOOSING MY RIGHT
TO REMAIN SILENT.”
“I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
TO AN ATTORNEY.”

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN DOCUMENTS

IF YOU HAVE AN IMMIGRATION “HOLD,” IMMIGRATION SERVICES MUST TAKE YOU INTO CUSTODY WITHIN 48 HOURS OF YOUR RELEASE FROM THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

- If you remain in custody for more than 48 hours, Immigration Services **MUST** give you a “Notice to Appear”—a document that tells you why they want to deport you.
- If you do not receive a “Notice to Appear,” you have the right to request your release.
- If you are under 18, within 72 hours of being taken into immigration custody, Immigration Services **MUST** release you to a parent or other relative, or transfer you to a “youth shelter” in CA, IN, or TX

YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO AN IMMIGRATION HEARING

- Most of the time, you cannot be deported before you speak to an Immigration Judge
- At the hearing, you have the opportunity to contest the charges against you and present your eligibility to remain in the United States.

The Rocky Mountain Immigrant Advocacy Network (RMIAN) is a non-profit organization that works with children and can connect you with a free lawyer.

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