

Guidance if you See or Interact with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) ONLY FOR REFUGEES, SIVs, or/and GREEN CARD HOLDERS

Because some current government policies are not friendly to immigrants, we want to help you understand what to do if you meet immigration (ICE) officers.

Important Things to Remember:

- You entered the United States as a refugee or SIV. This gives you special rights. You can:
 - Apply for permanent residency after one year
 - Have a work permit that allows you to work in the United States
 - Obtain a Social Security number
- ICE officers may not know you are a refugee, SIV or have a Green Card. They might stop people based on how they look. To protect yourself, always carry copies of one of these documents:
 - Your I-94 document. If you do not have a Green Card yet. Reach out to your JFCS caseworker if you need a copy of your I-94
 - Your Employment Authorization Card if it has not expired
 - Your copy of Green Card application confirmation (I-485)

You have legal rights when dealing with ICE officers:

- You do not have to open your door
- You do not have to answer questions
- You do not have to sign any papers without talking to a lawyer first
- If you are outside and they stop you, ask if you can leave
- Give them the card attached to this letter (show it through a window or slide it under your door if you are at home)

What to do if you are detained by ICE wrongly:

- Say you wish to remain silent and ask for a lawyer immediately.
- You have the right to call a lawyer or your family if you are detained, and you have the right to be visited by a lawyer in detention.
- When you call a relative or friend, tell them you were wrongly detained by ICE and ask them to contact JFCS.

Stay Safe

- Make sure your employer has copies of your current work permit. You may work with individuals who have a different immigration status than yours. If ICE goes to your workplace, ensure you have documents that show you are in Pittsburgh under refugee or SIV status or you are a green card holder.
- Make sure you have emergency contacts listed in your children's school other than yourself.
- Make sure your children know who to contact in case of emergencies (911 and another friend or relative).
- Learn U.S. laws (use the SettleIn App or attend JFCS sessions).
- If you drive, keep your license valid and follow traffic rules.
- If someone attacks you, especially if they say negative things about your appearance, accent, clothing, or identity:
 - Call the police immediately
 - Report it to the FBI - this may be a hate crime (412- 432 - 4000)
 - Reporting helps protect you and others

