

**Connecticut Legal Services  
Immigrant Legal Advice Hotline**

1-800-798-0671

If you are undocumented and you have a different legal problem, call your local legal aid office:

Eastern CT	800-413-7796	Western CT	800-413-7797
Hartford area	860-541-5000	Bridgeport area	800-809-4434
Stamford area	800-541-8909	New Haven area	203-946-4811

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# Rights of Immigrants

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## We offer free legal help in many areas, including

- welfare,
- SNAP (food stamps),
- divorce,
- child support,
- domestic violence,
- bankruptcy,
- special education,
- nursing home care,
- health insurance,
- eviction,
- foreclosure,
- and more.

See the reverse side for more about legal services.

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**Bridgeport**

1000 Lafayette Blvd 203-336-3851  
Suite 950

**New Britain**

16 Main Street 860-225-8678

**New London**

125 Eugene O'Neill Dr.  
Suite 120 860-447-0323

**Stamford**

20 Summer Street 203-348-9216

**Waterbury**

85 Central Avenue 203-756-8074

**Willimantic**

1125 Main Street 860-456-1761

***Greater Hartford Legal Aid***

[www.ghla.org](http://www.ghla.org)

999 Asylum Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06105  
860-541-5000

***New Haven Legal Assistance Association***

[www.nhlegal.org](http://www.nhlegal.org)

426 State Street  
New Haven, CT 06510  
203-946-4811

***Consumer Law Project for Elders***

Free legal assistance to people 60 and over throughout Connecticut who have money/debt problems.

1-800-296-1467

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*The information in this booklet is based on laws in Connecticut as of 05/2014. We hope that the information is helpful. It is not intended as legal advice for an individual situation. Please call Statewide Legal Services or contact an attorney for additional help.*

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## Legal help for immigrants

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These programs offer free or inexpensive legal services for people with low income:

- Greater Hartford Legal Aid: 860-541-5000
- Connecticut Legal Services: 860-225-8678
- New Haven Legal Assistance: 203-946-4811
- International Institute: Bridgeport: 203-336-0414; Stamford: 203-965-7190; Hartford: 860-692-3085; Derby: 203-751-8696
- The Jerome N. Frank Legal Services Organization of Yale Law School: 203-432-4800
- University of Connecticut School of Law, Asylum and Human Rights Clinic: 860-570-5165
- Immigration Advocates Network:  
[www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory](http://www.immigrationadvocates.org/nonprofit/legaldirectory)
- To find an attorney in private practice, contact the American Immigration Lawyers Association: 800-954-0254 or [www.AILA.org](http://www.AILA.org).

***If you feel you are in danger of being picked up by immigration, make a plan for yourself and your family. Speak to your attorney if you have one.***

## What can I do if police or immigration stops me on the street?

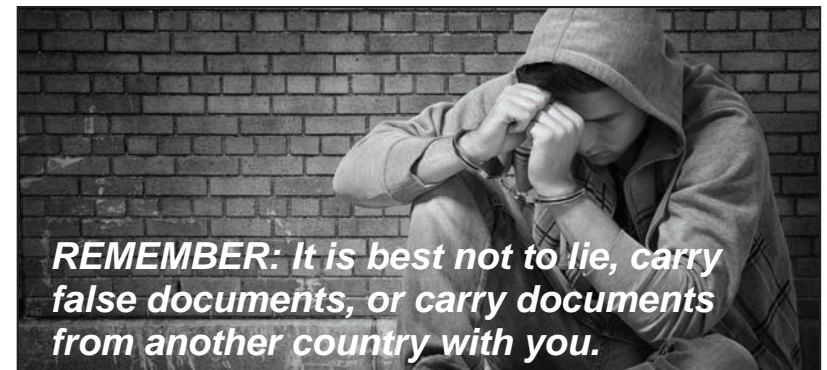
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- If they ask for your name, you must tell them. You don't have to answer other questions.
- You can ask if you are free to go. If the answer is yes, you may walk away calmly.
- It is best not to lie, carry false documents, or carry documents from another country with you.

## What are my rights if I am arrested?

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- If they ask for your name, you must tell them. You don't have to answer other questions.
- You can ask to make a phone call and speak with your lawyer. Memorize the phone number of your lawyer or a family member who is in the United States legally.
- You do not have to give information about your immigration status.
- You do not have to sign any documents.



## What can I do if immigration comes to my home?

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- You have the right to ask if they have a warrant signed by a judge or a magistrate to enter your home. You don't have to open the door unless they have a warrant. You have the right to ask to see the warrant before you let them into your home.
- Sometimes a search warrant will only allow them to search specific areas of your home.
- An arrest warrant will name the person they are looking for. If they only have an arrest warrant, you do not have to agree to let them to search your home.
- If they enter your home anyway, you have the right to ask for the names and badge numbers of the officers and say you did not agree to the search.

**NOTE:** If the police take items from your home, keep a record of what they took and ask for a receipt for the items.

## What can I do if immigration comes to my workplace?

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- Do not run. If they are not looking for you, running will make you a target.
- You must tell them if they ask for your name, but you don't have to answer other questions.
- You can ask if you are free to go. If the answer is yes, you may walk away calmly.

**NOTE:** Immigration does not need a warrant or permission to enter the public spaces of a business, such as the dining room in a restaurant. They do need a warrant or permission to enter areas that are not open to the public, such as the kitchen in a restaurant.

To learn more about your rights, visit [www.immi.org](http://www.immi.org).

**You can carry this card with you and hand it to the police or immigration, or slip it under your door if immigration comes to your house:**

**I am exercising my constitutional rights.  
I do not wish to speak with you.**

**I will not open the door unless you  
have a warrant signed by a judge.**

**Estoy ejerciendo mis derechos  
constitucionales. No deseo hablar contigo.**

**No voy a abrir la puerta a menos que tenga  
una orden judicial firmada por un juez.**