

**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

Search our website for help:



www.ctlawhelp.org

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.

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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

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

New Haven Legal Assistance Association

www.nhlegal.org

205 Orange 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

This booklet was produced by Connecticut Legal Services, Greater Hartford Legal Aid, New Haven Legal Assistance Association, and Statewide Legal Services of Connecticut.

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

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
- To find an attorney in private practice, contact the American Immigration Lawyers Association: 800-954-0254 or www.AILA.org.

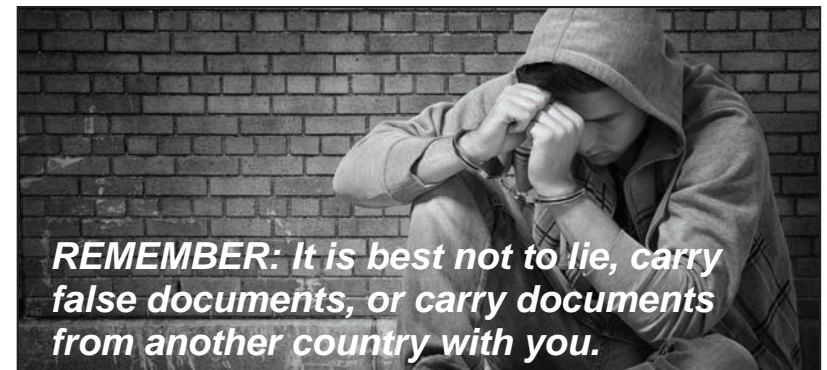
If you feel you are in danger of being picked up by immigration, make a plan for yourself and your family. Speak to your attorney if you have one.

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

- 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?

- 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?

- 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?

- 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.

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.**