

Role Play: ICE Comes to Your Home

ICE agent: *[knocking loudly at the door]* Open up! Immigration Customs and Enforcement agent!

Person questioned: What is this about? *[Said without opening the door.]*

ICE agent: We are here to search the premise for anyone in the country illegally. I need to see your immigration papers now.

Person questioned: Do you have a warrant signed by a judge with my name on it? I don't have to open the door and speak with you or show you anything if you don't have one.

ICE agent: Just open up now. You have to answer my questions and let me search your house.

Person questioned: No I don't. If you have a warrant, slide it under my door. Otherwise under the United States Constitution I have 4th and 5th amendment rights that protect me from you, and I choose to exercise these rights. I want to remain silent until I speak with a lawyer.

ICE agent: OK, I am sliding a signed warrant under the door with your name on it.

Person questioned: *[Examines it, if it is signed by a judge and has her name spelled correctly with the address, she must open the door, but if the name is incorrect, she does not have to open the door. Once you open the door you lose certain rights.]*

ICE agent: Finally you opened this door. Now I want to ask you some questions.

Person questioned: I reserve my right to remain silent. I will remain silent until I can speak with a lawyer. I will not sign anything until I speak with a lawyer.

ICE agent: *[sighs]*

Question/Discussion for all: *[allow time for discussion of each point]*

- Are there people in your community who need to know this information?
- How can we get this information out to them?

- Review the [family preparedness plan](#), and discuss steps to ensuring your/other's rights are protected.