

Know Your Rights: Officer Interaction

GUIDELINES FOR CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT



This infographic will help you understand:

- Why is law enforcement visiting?
- Rights and responsibilities
- Important documents
- Next steps

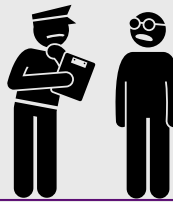
WHY IS THE GOVERNMENT VISITING?

The government has been checking on Unaccompanied Children.

- These visits are commonly called “**wellness checks**.”
- The officer may be from a department called Homeland Security Investigations (**HSI**), they may be from Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**), or they may be from another department.

The government is visiting to ask questions and confirm compliance with laws, including immigration laws.

- ⚠ The officer may contact **you or your sponsor** by **phone**, or they may show up **at your home**.
- ⚠ The officer may **identify themselves**, or they may be wearing **normal clothes**.



They may ask questions about:

- ? school enrollment
- ? if your home is safe
- ? contact with family
- ? forced work or harm
- ? moving without notification

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES

What you can DO:

- ❌ You do not have to answer questions.
- ❌ Without a judicial warrant, you do not have to open the door.
- ❌ Do not sign anything.
- ✅ Show a KYR card to the agent.
- ✅ Ask if you can leave.
- ✅ **Invoke your right to an attorney.**

What you can SAY:

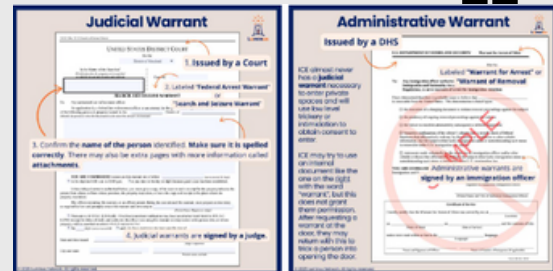
- “I do not wish to...
...speak to you.”
...answer questions.”
...sign anything.”
...hand you any document.”
- “I do not give you permission to enter my home unless you have a judicial warrant.”
- “I do not give you permission to search my belongings.”



IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

An agent must have a judicial warrant signed by a judge to enter your home.

Ask the agent to pass the warrant under the door or hold it up to a window so that you can inspect it.



NEXT STEPS

How to prepare:

- ✅ Have a safe place for **documents** and copies.
- ✅ **Attorney phone number** on hand and memorized.
- ✅ Everybody has a **card with constitutional rights**, or it is in an easy place to see in the home.
- ✅ Everybody **checks the door** and outside before opening.
- ✅ Follow your **attorney's guidance** for anything specific to your area or community.

