



# VISA WAIVER VISITORS

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## ALWAYS

Carry at least a copy of any valid immigration document with you, including a green card, work permit or passport with a visa stamp and I-94 entry record. Do not lie or present any false documents.

## IF YOU ENCOUNTER ICE OFFICERS & YOU ENTERED ON THE VWP

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You can refuse to speak to immigration officers.
- **Do NOT** open the door unless they have a warrant with your name **signed by a judge**.
- ICE may not enter your home unless they have a warrant signed by a judge OR your consent.



## IMPORTANT

ICE officers will usually appear early morning or evening to a home. They will often present themselves as police, other law enforcement or even a courier service.

**If you are unsure who is at your door, do not open it.**

## IF ICE OFFICERS IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AND STATE THEY HAVE A WARRANT

Ask them to **slide it under the door** and ensure **YOUR NAME** is on the warrant before you comply and that the warrant is signed by a judge giving authorization to arrest someone at **your address**.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

**All people in the United States - regardless of immigration status - have rights and protections under the U.S. Constitution.**

Know Your Rights Red Cards help immigrants exercise those rights and protect themselves in many situations, such as when immigration agents visit our homes. Pick up a Red Card at your local center, or contact us to request one.

### If you are taken into custody by ICE and you have overstayed on the VWP

#### You have the right to speak to a lawyer.

You **can answer** questions about your place of birth, your immigration status, how you entered the U.S. Answering these questions may speed up the removal process.

You **should identify any close relatives in the United States**, particularly if you are married to a U.S. Citizen (USC) or have USC children.

You should let **the officer know** if you have any medical issues or are a caregiver for another relative.

You **should NOT answer** any questions about your work history in the U.S. unless a lawyer is present.

You have the **right to contact your Consulate or have an officer inform the Consulate of your arrest.**

**Contact information for Irish Consulates can be found at [www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/](http://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/) or scan this code.**



Before you sign anything, **speak to a lawyer whenever possible.**

VWP overstays are not eligible for bond or a hearing before an immigration judge. In the rare case that a **bond hearing is offered you should sign to accept the hearing.**

**The form will clearly ask:**

Do you/Do you not request a bond hearing?

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