

Know Your Rights Resources on Muslim Civil Liberties

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Immigration issues

What if I am concerned about my immigration status?

Contact the ACLU Immigrant Protection Project: <http://www.ippwma.com/>.

If you would like to know about your rights in the context of immigration arrests, please see the Immigrant Defense Project's booklet: <https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/wp-content/uploads/IDP-ICE-Raids-Booklet-ENG-May-2017.pdf>. They also have a short 2-page flyer in various languages that you can access here: <https://www.immigrantdefenseproject.org/ice-home-and-community-arrests/>.

If you are in immigration proceedings, the Florence Project has useful self-help resources that you can access here: <https://firrp.org/resources/prose/>.

For an extensive list of Know Your Rights and other resources on immigration, including those specific to legal permanent residents and refugees, visit: <https://www.informedimmigrant.com/resources/>.

What can I do to protect my children if I have an immigration risk?

If you are worried about what will happen to your children if you are detained or deported, you could make a family preparedness plan. For a useful toolkit from the State of Connecticut, please visit: <http://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/Immigration-Resources-Family-Preparedness-Plan>.

Law Enforcement Interactions

What if law enforcement officers (local, state or federal) come to my door, stop me in public, ask to search or seize my property, or ask me for an interview?

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- You have a right to refuse to speak with anyone.
- You have a right to have an attorney present.
- You have a right to refuse a request from law enforcement to enter your home and search your personal property without a warrant.

These rights apply to interactions with all law enforcement, including the police, the F.B.I., as well as ICE officers.

For more information on your rights, please consult the following resources:

- CLEAR Know Your Rights pamphlets in multiple languages: <http://www.cunyclear.org/kyr/>
- CAIR-CA and ACLU of Northern California pamphlet: <https://ca.cair.com/sfba/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/2014-04-16-FBI-Know-Your-Rights.pdf>
- Center for Constitutional Rights booklet in multiple languages: <https://ccrjustice.org/if-agent-knocks-booklet>
- Muslim Advocates video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HiC4iMOBLuY>
- Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition for South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) presentation: http://saalt.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SAALT-town-hall_KYR-presentation_Capital-Area-Immigrants27-Rights-Coalition.pptx
- National Immigration Law Center (NILC) Know Your Rights Cards in English, Arabic, Farsi, Somali, and Spanish: <https://www.nilc.org/issues/immigration-enforcement/everyone-has-certain-basic-rights/>
- Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Atlanta Know Your Rights Cards in multiple languages: <https://advancingjustice-atlanta.org/page/47>
- ACLU guides on discrimination against Muslims: <https://www.aclu.org/issues/immigrants-rights/know-your-rights-discrimination-against-immigrants-and-muslims>

Travelling Abroad

What are my rights at the airport?

It is illegal for law enforcement officers to question, search, or detain you based solely on your race, national origin, religion, sex, ethnicity, or political beliefs. However, Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents can stop you based on citizenship or travel itinerary at the border and search your bags. If such a search occurs, write down the name, badge number, and agency of the person who conducted the search.

For more information on your rights when travelling and contact information for referral organizations, consult:

- ACLU guide: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-when-encountering-law-enforcement-airports-and-other-ports-entry-us>
- CLEAR Know Your Rights pamphlets in multiple languages: <http://www.cunyclear.org/kyr/>
- Muslim Advocates fact sheet on your rights while traveling: https://www.muslimadvocates.org/files/2017.09.27_Border-search-fact-sheet_updated.pdf
- Muslim Advocates fact sheet on your rights when returning from Hajj: <https://www.muslimadvocates.org/files/Hajj-fact-sheet-draft-landscape-CLEAN.pdf>

How can I tell if I am on the No-Fly List? How can I challenge my inclusion on the list?

Generally, people will discover that they are on the No-Fly List when they are denied boarding on a flight at the airport. There is no way to know in advance if you are on the list, as it is not shared publicly. For more information on your rights, visit the ACLU's website here: <https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/what-do-if-you-think-youre-no-fly-list>.

If you become aware that you are on the No-Fly list, you can challenge your inclusion through the Department of Homeland Security Traveler Redress Inquiry Program (DHS TRIP). More information on DHS TRIP can be found here: <https://www.dhs.gov/one-stop-travelers-redress-process>.

What precautions should I take to protect my data when travelling abroad?

CBP agents have been increasingly searching electronic devices at airports and borders. Officers may ask to search your devices, including electronic files on them. If you are concerned about protecting your data and information in case an officer requests to search your devices, Electronic Frontier Foundation has a guide, in English and Arabic, to help you make informed choices based on your situation: <https://www.eff.org/files/2018/01/11/border-pocket-guide-2.pdf>.

How will the Muslim Ban affect me?

The latest version of the Muslim Ban targets individuals from 8 countries: Chad, Iran, Libya, North Korea, Syria, Venezuela, Somalia, and Yemen. The restrictions on each country vary, and individuals with a "bona fide relationship" with a U.S. person or entity are not covered. For more information on the Muslim Ban, you can view the "Muslim Ban 3.0 Fact Sheet" created by Muslim Advocates here: <https://www.muslimadvocates.org/muslim-ban-resources/>.

Donating to charities

What are some steps I can take to decrease my risks when donating to charity?

1. Check if the charity you are donating to is a registered 501(c)(3) organization here: <https://apps.irs.gov/app/eos/>
2. Check Government Sanctions Lists. For organizations, visit: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. For country sanctions, visit: <https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>
3. Check Charity's Website
4. Review the Charity's Tax Return here: <https://www.guidestar.org/>

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- CLEAR Know Your Rights pamphlets in multiple languages: <http://www.cunyclear.org/kyr/>
- Muslim Advocates "My Charity Checklist": http://www.muslimadvocates.org/wp-content/uploads/MA_Charity_Checklist_FINAL.pdf
- Muslim Advocates video on Charitable Giving: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7LTwB1BiDk>