

COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

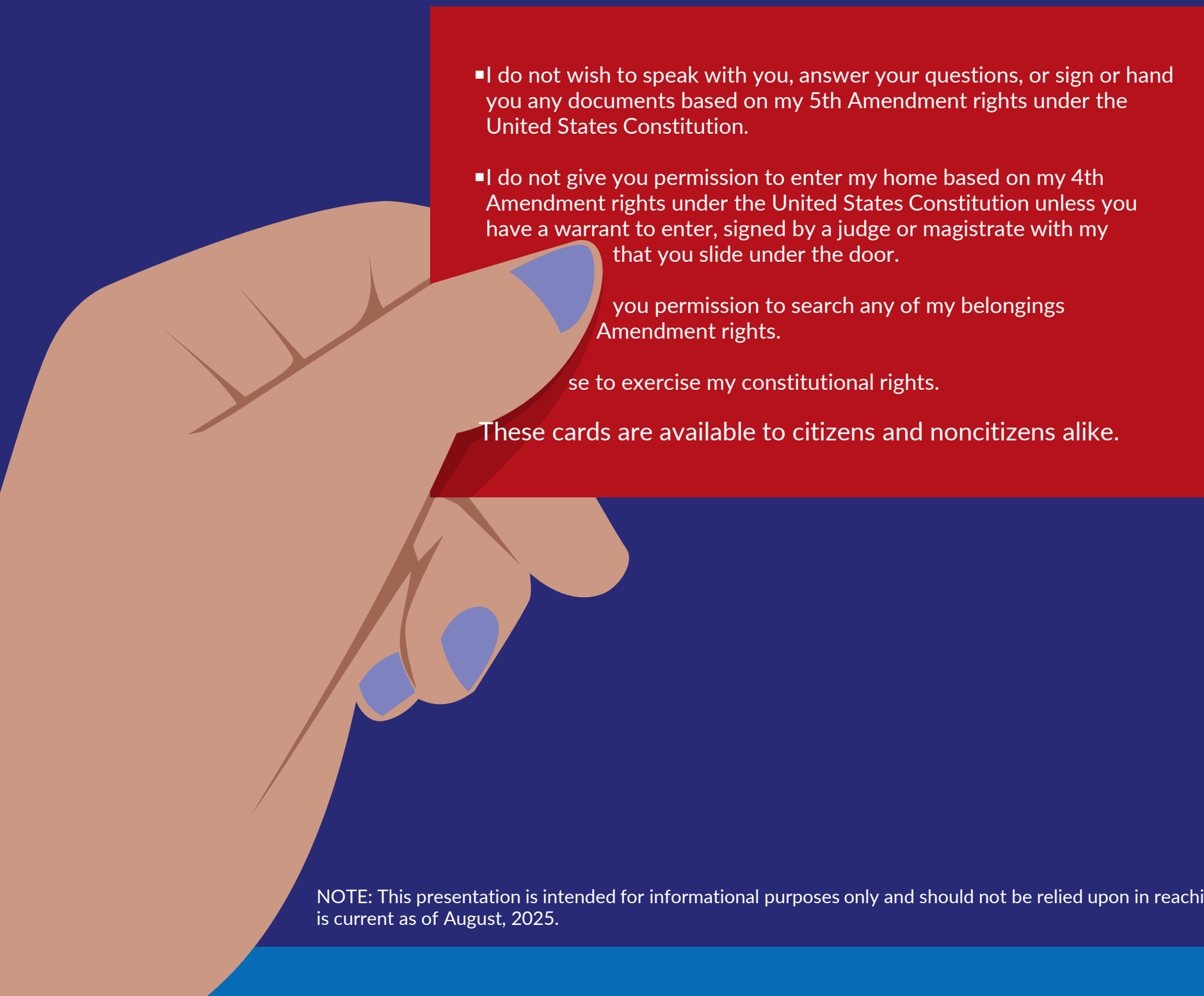


Immigrant Rights & Resources

County of San Mateo Executive's Office of Community Affairs
Immigrant Services Team
August 2025



Agenda



■ I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

■ I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my that you slide under the door.

you permission to search any of my belongings
Amendment rights.

se to exercise my constitutional rights.

These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

- Demographics & context
- Constitutional Rights
- Key Resources:
 - Red Card
 - Rapid Response Hotline
 - Family Preparedness Planning
- Stay connected

Demographics & Context

745,100

Total population*

35.6%

Foreign-born residents

16.9%

Residents identify as LEP

45.3%

Residents (over age 5) speak
a language other than
English at home



San Mateo County

*A Certified Welcoming place for all of us
to call home.*

The Welcoming Standard reflects what we know to be true - our communities are stronger, safer, and more prosperous when immigrant neighbors are included, valued, and listened to.

*United States Census Bureau's 2019-2023 American Community Survey, Table C16001, and 2023 American Community Survey, Table DP05

Know Your Rights

Everyone in this country has certain rights, regardless of immigration status.



- The right to remain silent
- The right to be free of unreasonable searches
- The right to refuse to sign documents without first speaking to a lawyer
- The right to speak to a lawyer

Key Resource: Red Cards

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si el trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho de mantenerse callado.
- NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está afuera de su casa, pregunte al agente si es libre para irse y si dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- ENTREGUE ESTA TARJETA AL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

SMC Línea de respuesta comunitaria: 203-666-4472

You have constitutional rights:

- DO NOT OPEN THE DOOR if an immigration agent is knocking on the door.
- DO NOT ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS from an immigration agent if they try to talk to you. You have the right to remain silent.
- DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING without first speaking to a lawyer. You have the right to speak with a lawyer.
- If you are outside of your home, ask the agent if you are free to leave and if they say yes, leave calmly.
- GIVE THIS CARD TO THE AGENT. If you are inside of your home, show the card through the window or slide it under the door.

SMC Rapid Response Hotline: 203- 666-4472

Tarjetas Rojas - Red Cards

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- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

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Key Resource: Family Preparedness Plans

 **TEACHING, INTERPRETING,
& CHANGING LAW SINCE 1979**


**RESOURCE
TOOLKIT**

STEP-BY-STEP FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

How immigrant families can more proactively
prepare for immigration emergencies that arise

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Every family should have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of an emergency. It is critical for immigrant families to think ahead and set more concrete plans for immigration emergencies that can arise. For example, this Resource Toolkit goes into detail about different childcare options available in case of an absent parent, where to find trusted immigration services in your community, and how to prepare to assert your constitutional rights in the presence of an immigration officer.

This toolkit is divided into different sections that give guidance on family preparedness planning, regardless of immigration status. It gives additional advice to undocumented and/or mixed status families.

For more immigration community resources, visit ilrc.me/resources.

NOTE
*THE ILRC HAS ALSO CREATED A SHORTER,
MORE CONDENSED VERSION OF THIS FAMILY
PREPAREDNESS PLAN. IT CAN BE FOUND BY
HEADING TO [ILRC.ME/FAMPREP](https://ilrc.me/famprep)*

PART 1: MAKE A CHILD CARE PLAN

It's important to have a plan so that a trusted adult can care for your child if you cannot. This plan should include emergency numbers, a list of important contact information, and a file with important documents. Whether you want your child to accompany you to your home country in the event you face deportation or wish for

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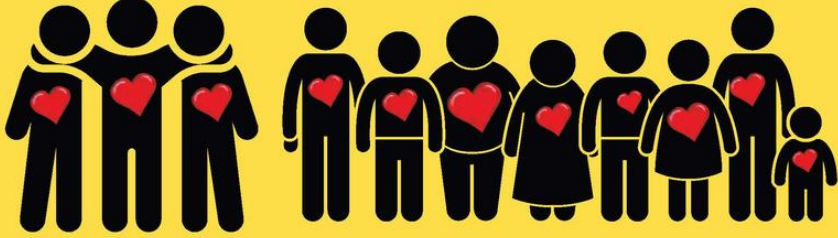
- Preparedness plans are available from the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, and Vietnamese.

ILRC.ME/FAMPREP



Key Resource: Rapid Response Hotline

- Countering misinformation and dispelling rumors
- Accompaniment to immigration court and check-ins
- Urgent legal support for families impacted by immigration enforcement



COMMUNITY RESPONSE LINE
SAN MATEO COUNTY
CALL (203) 666-4472

For referrals to attorneys, know your rights, and general questions about:

- IMMIGRATION PROBLEMS
- EVICTION NOTICE, POOR HOUSING CONDITIONS, RENT INCREASE
- YOUR RIGHTS IN THE WORKPLACE



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NURTURE LOVE AND FAITH, TREAT ALL
PEOPLE WITH DIGNITY,
PROTECT OUR COMMUNITY**



WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER

FAITH IN ACTION BAY AREA ♦ <https://faithinactionba.org>

LINEA DE RESPUESTA COMUNITARIA
CONDADO DE SAN MATEO
LLAME AL (203) 666-4472

Para preguntas generales, conocer sus derechos y referirlo con abogados sobre:

- Problemas migratorios
- Aumento de renta, desalojo, condiciones de vivienda insalubres
- Derechos de trabajadores



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社区服务响应热线
圣马特奥县
致电 (203) 666-4472

了解您在以下方面的权益信息、问题和律师转介:

- 移民事务难题
- 租金异常上涨、驱逐纠纷、恶劣生活条件
- 职场权益侵害



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传递希望和联系，培育关爱与信念，以尊严之心待人，用行动守护社区

Connect to Resources: SmcRapidResponse.org

Rapid Response Hotline



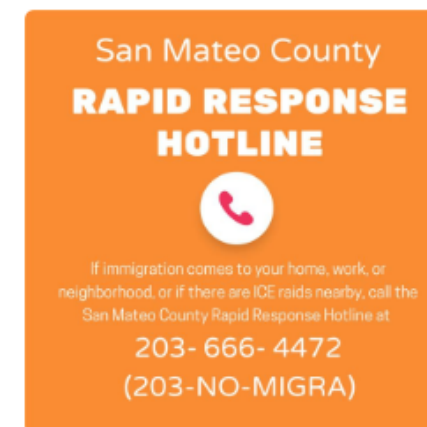
If immigration comes to your home, work, or neighborhood, or if there is ICE activity nearby, call the San Mateo County Rapid Response Hotline at 203-666-4472 (203-NO-MIGRA). Si inmigración viene a su casa, trabajo, o vecindario, o si hay actividad de ICE cerca, llame a la línea de respuesta rápida del Condado de San Mateo al 203-666-4472 (203-NO-MIGRA). [Learn More / Más información](#)

How can you protect and prepare your family and yourself from immigration enforcement activity?

This page offers a variety of downloadable tools designed for diverse audiences, including community-based organizations and San Mateo County residents directly affected by immigration concerns and who are seeking clear answers.

Here are things that can help right now:

1. **Rapid Response Hotline:** In case of ICE contact or sightings, call the San Mateo County Rapid Response Hotline at (203) 666-4472 / (203) NO-MIGRA. This hotline is open 24/7, make sure to save this number to your phone. The County funds Faith in Action to provide this service. [Download Rapid Response posters and cards here: Chinese \(simplified\) poster, Chinese \(simplified\) card, English poster, English card, Portuguese poster, Portuguese Card, Spanish poster, Spanish card, Tagalog poster, Tagalog card, Tongan poster, Tongan card.](#)
2. **Know Your Rights:** Keep the **red card** handy at all times. If you come across ICE, remember, you have constitutional rights. [Learn more and download the red card here.](#) Languages available: [Chinese \(Simplified\)](#), [English](#), [Portuguese](#), [Russian](#), [Samoan](#), [Spanish](#), [Tagalog](#) and [Tongan](#).
3. **Immigrant Registration Requirement:** Have questions about the Immigrant Registration Requirement that went into effect on April 11, 2025? Find answers to Frequently Asked Questions here: [FAQs](#)
4. **Preparedness Plans:** Have a plan for you and your family in case someone is detained. [Find plan templates here.](#)
5. **Fact Sheets** about Knowing Your Rights for various situations: at the Border/Airports, in Police Custody/Jail, in Public Spaces, in Your Car, in Your Home, at Work, in Removal Proceedings, or in Immigration Detention. Available in English, Spanish and Chinese: [Find the flyers here.](#)



All people in the United States, including undocumented immigrants, have Constitutional rights and protections. Neither immigration nor the police will assume you want to exercise your rights. You are in charge of asserting them by showing your know your rights card or by telling the officer you are exercising your rights.

At ports of entry, airports, and the border, you may encounter Customs and Border Protection (CBP), Homeland Security Investigations (ICE), Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), or Transportation Security Administration (TSA). You have rights when interacting with them.

Immigration can question whether you have lawful immigration status and whether you are admissible to the United States. You have the right to remain in the U.S. but refusing to answer the questions could allow your case to be taken to the next level.

If you are a U.S. citizen: You must again establish your identity and citizenship.

Immigration can search your belongings for contraband.
Officers do not need a warrant or probable cause like in other contexts. However, you cannot be selected for a search based on race, religion, sex, national origin, gender

StripSearches Officers can only perform a stripsearch in a private space if they have reasonable suspicion of a person of an offence or violation.

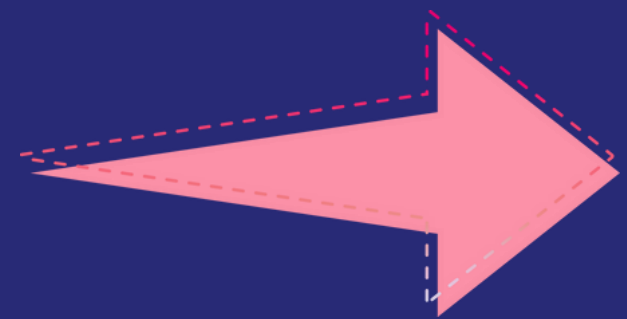
- If you are a citizen, you don't have to supply your personal ID to unlock your device.
- If an office confiscates your electronic device, get a complaint and write down the officer's name, agency, badge number.

Questions and Next Steps

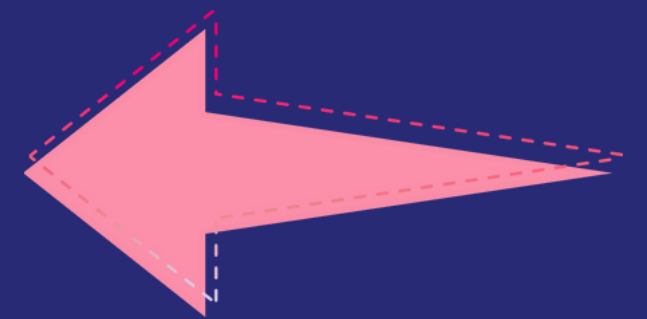


- Prepare: take a red card and some to share.
- Plan: complete your family plan and speak with your loved ones.
- Respond: Save the Rapid Response hotline number and share it with your community.

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