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- Don't open the door for an officer without being shown a judicial warrant (signed by a judge). Officers need a judicial warrant to enter a home. Officers need a judicial warrant or an employer's permission to enter non-public areas of a workplace.
- If an officer approaches you in public, ask if you are free to go before you answer questions. If they say no, you can still use your right to remain silent.
- You can ask to speak to a lawyer before answering questions or signing documents.
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### Everyday safety

- Be careful where you talk about anyone's actual or possible immigration status. (Imagine anything you post online is being said in front of an officer.)
- Deportation often starts when an immigrant has an encounter with local police. Before you talk to police, remember police encounters could have life-altering consequences for immigrants, even for minor incidents.
- If you work with the public (at your job or as a volunteer), limit the personal information you collect about people. Keep only what you must and keep it in a secure place.
- Officers may try to enter formerly protected spaces like schools, hospitals, or places of worship. Have clear policies about which areas are non-public or only open to the public at certain times. Make sure everyone knows these policies.

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