



IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RECENTLY ARRIVED REFUGEES



WHAT IS REFUGEE REVETTING?

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

On November 21, 2025, the United States government announced that it would be reviewing the cases of all refugees who entered the United States between January 21, 2021 and February 20, 2025. This includes refugees who now have green cards, and those who have applied for green cards and are still waiting for a decision.

As of January 13, 2026, IRAP has heard reports of immigration officers (ICE) going door-to-door in certain communities and targeting refugees' homes. **If ICE comes to your home, do not open the door. To enter your home, officers must show you a warrant signed by a state or federal judge (not an Immigration Judge).**

HOW CAN I TELL IF IT IS ICE?



ICE may try to get you outside your home or create a fake reason (a "ruse") to enter. They may pretend that there is an emergency or investigation. It is important to keep your door closed and ask strangers to identify themselves. Anyone who says they are law enforcement should be asked to present a warrant.

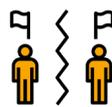
Common ruses

- General/criminal investigation
- Identity theft
- Car accident

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT DETENTION IN THE US



If ICE detains you with other family members, they may separate you and send you to different detention centers.



Your belongings will be taken away. Memorize important phone numbers and send copies of your documents to someone you trust.



To locate a family member or friend detained by ICE, scan this code. You can search by A# and country of birth, or by biographical information.



Request a list of free attorneys and contact them. Insist that you want to speak with an attorney and request access to a phone number.



FROM DETENTION CENTERS, YOU CAN DIAL 9233# TO REACH LEGAL SERVICES OR REPORT ABUSE.

WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE RE-INTERVIEW



You might be questioned or re-interviewed about your refugee application, even if you already have a green card or applied for one. **If you don't speak English well, you have the right to an interview in your language.**



During the re-interview, you may be asked many questions about why you left your home country or why you are afraid to return there. These questions may be very similar to questions you already answered when you were interviewed overseas. You should answer carefully and honestly, just as you did in your original interview(s).

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