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<http://www.immigrantsolidarity.org/resource.htm#rights>

Guide for state groups dealing with anti-immigrant worker legislation (PDF reports) by the National Employment Law Project:

- State Anti-Immigration Legislation Guide
- Anti-Immigrant Workers Compensation Bills 2006
- State Employer Sanctions Bills 2006

TALKING POINTS

Myths about Undocumented Immigrants English and Spanish (National Council of La Raza)

Toolkit for State/Local Police Enforcing Immigration Laws (National Council of La Raza)

The toolkit addresses the various proposals to deputize state and local police to enforce federal immigration laws, including the CLEAR Act. The toolkit contains sample materials that you can adapt and use to fight these proposals, including sample letters, press releases, talking points, and intake forms. It also includes many useful tips for lobbying, working with the media, and coordinating with coalitions (PDF report).

USEFUL LEGAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

More information is available from the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) “Know Your Rights” pamphlet, available in English, Spanish, Farsi, Arabic, Punjabi, and Portuguese; and the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) (question and answer sheet).

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Know your rights when you are questioned by the police, FBI, INS, or any other law enforcement agents.

Trainings and wallet-sized palm-cards (Spanish, Arabic, English, and Urdu) are available from the Know Your Rights Committee of Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI). The back of each card lists places to call for legal assistance, help in finding a lawyer, and other resources.

You have these rights in the United States (regardless of your immigration status!):

- Say you want to see a lawyer.
- You do not have to sign any paper without a lawyer with you.
- You do not have to let the police, FBI, INS, or anyone else come into your house without a “warrant” (special paper from a judge). Tell your roommates not to let them in without a warrant.
- You do not have to answer any questions about your immigration.