

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

WITH POLICE & FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN WA



WASHINGTON IMMIGRANT
**SOLIDARITY
NETWORK**

In 2019, the Washington State Legislature passed the Keep Washington Working Act (KWW) to protect the rights of immigrant communities from unnecessary contact with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The law, RCW 10.93.160, requires that police and jails change their practices and policies to ensure the privacy of all Washingtonians.

The Keep Washington Working Act prohibits local police, WA State Patrol, sheriffs, jails, Department of Corrections (DOC), and school resource officers from:

- **Stopping or detaining someone to determine immigration status.**
- **Asking about place of birth, immigration status, or nationality.** A limited exception allows local sheriffs and police to ask for this information only if it is connected to an investigation regarding a violation of state or local laws.
- **Holding someone on ICE or CBP civil immigration detainers or ICE administrative warrants signed by ICE agents, not a judge.**
- **Giving ICE or CBP access to someone for interviews in jail to determine if they are here in violation of immigration laws.** The detained person can choose to speak with immigration enforcement as long as they provide written consent. ICE or CBP can also speak with a detained person even without their consent if they are investigating a federal crime. If the detained person chooses to talk with immigration enforcement, which is generally not recommended, any information provided to immigration enforcement can be used against them in deportation proceedings. You always have the right to remain silent even if you are part of a federal crime investigation.
- **Denying you services or benefits you are eligible to receive while in jail,** even if ICE has filed documents with the jail indicating they think you are here in violation of immigration laws, such as a “detainer,” “notification request,” or “immigration warrant.”
- **Contracting with ICE and CBP to allow local sheriffs or police officers to enforce immigration law.**
- **Using local jails to detain and hold immigrants for ICE or CBP through contracts between jails and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).**
- **Using ICE and CBP as interpreters, translators, or for language classes.**
- **Giving ICE or CBP your personal information, like a home address.***
- **Notifying ICE or CBP when you will be released from custody.***

*The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) is excused from these prohibitions and is allowed to do this. DOC is the WA prison system where people convicted of a crime and sentenced to more than 1 year serve their jail time. Probation officers are part of DOC but are NOT excused and ARE PROHIBITED from doing this.

WA State Agencies like the Department of Licensing:

- **Cannot share your personal information** (for example your home address) with ICE or CBP unless required by federal law.
- **MUST provide services regardless of immigration status** unless otherwise required by law.

If you believe your rights as listed above have been violated, call or text the
WAISN Deportation Defense Hotline

1-844-724-3737

Monday to Friday from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

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