

# What is Immigration ?

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Immigration: the process through which individuals become permanent residents or citizens of another country

Do you know how immigrants travel into the United States?

Between 400,00 -500,00 immigrants travel by “ the beast”a train going from Central America to the USA, some are smuggled into trunks of cars or some pay smugglers to cross them over into the USA.

Here are some videos that show how immigrants travel into the United States risking their lives.

<https://youtu.be/2Bkw9PNBYWY>

<https://youtu.be/OZQG-WELWZ8>

<https://youtu.be/f5ySDYu0zq0>



# What is immigration reform?

Immigration reform is the change to the current immigration policy of a country. In its strict definition, reform means "to change into an improved form or condition, by amending or removing faults or abuses".

Why is Immigration reform important ?

- Families will not be separated by deportation
- To provide immigrants a right to work, study and live freely without fear of being deported
  - To keep families safe and together
- Some immigrants are refugees that cannot be deported back to their countries because their lives are in danger



# 10 things you can do to help immigrants and refugees.

1. Get informed
2. Speak up and speak out
3. Write letters
4. Support organization that provides direct service
5. Call your representatives
6. Get immigrants out of detention
7. Join with others
8. Share on social media
9. Volunteer
10. Vote

## Links used for research

Ten Things You Can Do to Support Immigrants and Refugees - Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ilcm.org)<https://youtu.be/2Bkw9PNBYWY>

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<https://www.aclu.org/know-your-rights/immigrants-rights/>

**KNOW YOUR RIGHTS**  
If you encounter ICE

**FIRM**

**DON'T OPEN THE DOOR**

Ask the ICE agent if they have an arrest warrant signed by a judge, and to slide it under the door. You don't have to answer their questions under any circumstance.

**If you are in a public space, ask: Am I being arrested or detained?**

- If yes, exercise your right to remain silent and ask to speak to a lawyer.
- If no, ask if you can leave and then leave calmly.

**REMAIN SILENT**

You have the right to remain silent. If you encounter an ICE agent, say the following:

**"I exercise my right to remain silent under the 5th amendment of the US Constitution."**

**PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION**

- Don't give personal information or your fingerprints, or answer any questions about your status.
- Don't hand over your ID or papers to the ICE agents.
- Don't sign any form or documents (paper or digital) that the ICE agents give you without speaking with an attorney.

**MAKE A PLAN!**

Make a plan for you and your family about what to do if you don't come home, speak with a trusted attorney, and keep your documents in a safe place.

**Text the word JUSTICE to 69866 to get updates!**