

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

*a pocket guide*

CAIR CHICAGO

THE COUNCIL ON AMERICAN-ISLAMIC RELATIONS - CHICAGO

*who are we?*

fighting bigotry. defending civil rights. building coalitions.

**CIVIL RIGHTS**

Our legal advocacy & litigation cases range from racial profiling, harassment and bullying in schools to work, citizenship delays, police misconduct, & prisoners' rights, among others.

**MEDIA**

Along with running our own media & journalism site, we constantly work to challenge false anti-Muslim and Orientalist misrepresentations in mainstream media.

**ADVOCACY + COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

We're not free until we're all free. CAIR-Chicago is dedicated to actively building strong relationships with other organizations & groups in the community who share similar visions, values, & commitments to justice.

CAIR-Chicago works to protect the rights of 500K+ Muslims in the State of Illinois.

## WHY WOULD I BE APPROACHED?

*or, what excuses will you hear?*



**YOU ARE ONLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE YOUR:**

NAME | DATE OF BIRTH | ADDRESS

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO ANSWER ANY FBI OR POLICE QUESTIONS ABOUT YOUR CITIZENSHIP STATUS**

Only Immigration Customs & Enforcement (ICE) can ask about your immigration status

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### HOW TO REPORT A HATE CRIME

**1. DOCUMENT**

Secure the scene. Get any witness statements & contact information, photographs, medical records of treatment, and videos. Write down everything that happened immediately after it took place.

**2. REPORT**

Contact CAIR-Chicago immediately.

## YOUR RIGHTS: THINGS TO REMEMBER

**DO NOT:**

Do not lie or provide false information

Do not permit police/FBI to enter your home/office or search your property (car, backpack, purse, etc) without a warrant

*If they have a warrant, ask to see it. It should be signed by a judge.*

**DO:**

Demand to have a lawyer present when speaking to any law enforcement & answering questions

Document the interaction as best as you can: get the name, badge number, and phone number of any agent

### YOUR RIGHTS: WHEN STOPPED BY POLICE

**ON THE STREET**

They must have a specific reason to approach & question you. They can pat down the outside of your clothing if they have reason to suspect that you are armed. Ask the officer clearly if you are free to leave or if you are under arrest.

**DRIVING**

Keep your hands visible

Drivers must show license, car registration, and insurance

After you have received your ticket, ask if you are free to leave or if you are being detained

**MISTREATED**

If mistreated, do not resist arrest or fight with any police officers. Write down their names, badge numbers, & any other information. Try to find witnesses & write down their contact information. Contact CAIR or an attorney.



## WHAT ARE CIVIL RIGHTS?

*and where do they come from?*

You have the right to be treated fairly and equally - by individuals, establishments, and the government. In the USA, these come from the Constitution, court rulings, & federal and state laws

**YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE A UNITED STATES CITIZEN TO BE ENTITLED TO CIVIL RIGHTS!**

**1st Amendment:** freedom of religious practice, speech, press, & the right to peaceably assemble and petition the government

**4th Amendment:** freedom from unreasonable search & seizure

**Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act:** prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, & gender at the workplace.

**"I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN SILENT"**

**"I WISH TO SPEAK TO MY LAWYER"**

**"I DO NOT CONSENT TO A SEARCH"**

**"PLEASE LEAVE YOUR BUSINESS CARD AT THE DOOR & MY LAWYER WILL CONTACT YOU"**