

Factsheet: Executive Orders on Immigration

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On January 25th and 27th, president Trump issued 3 executive orders that directly affect immigrants and refugees. Here's a brief summary of the executive orders:

Executive order 1: Internal immigration enforcement policies

- Expands 'priorities' for deportation
- Hires many more Immigration (ICE) and Border Patrol (CPB) agents
- Orders fines for undocumented people and those that help them stay
- Promotes the collaboration between local police and ICE
- Threatens to take away federal funding from cities that refuse to cooperate with ICE in the removal of undocumented immigrants.

Executive Order 2: Concerning Border Security

- Orders the building of a wall along the Southern border
- Hires more Border Patrol agents
- Expands detention facilities
- Deports people that cross the border immediately, without seeing a judge
- Keeps those seeking asylum in detention centers while they await their trial

Executive Order 3: Concerning refugees and Muslim communities

- New visa requests can be canceled for 'security' reasons
- Refugees are banned from entering the U.S. for 120 days. Syrian refugees are banned indefinitely. Christian refugees have priority over other refugees
- Suspends new visas for 90 days for people from these countries that are majority Muslim: Iran, Iraq, Sudan, Somalia, Libya, and Yemen
- Makes it much harder to come to the U.S.

Who is MOST at risk?

People in detention or jail, people who have or have had contact with the criminal justice system, and people with a final order of removal. At even higher risk are people whose deportation has been postponed (stay of deportation) or whose orders of supervision will expire. These people could be rearrested and detained at the time they appear for their supervision check-in or renew a request for prosecutorial discretion. **Please seek counsel** before attending these government appointments. **If you are from any of the above affected countries, DO NOT leave the U.S. until you get legal advice**

What can you do if ICE/Police agents approach you?

- Remain calm. Do not run. Do not lie.
- Remember: you have the right to remain silent and ask for a lawyer
- Do not tell agents where you are from
- If agents come to your home, DO NOT open the door. They can't come in without a signed warrant.
- DO NOT sign anything

What is an Executive Order?

A document signed by the president that sets policy. Policies are not laws. An executive order tells federal agencies how to enforce current laws and rules. Executive orders can be changed by other executive orders, blocked by the courts, or overruled by Congress.

IMPORTANT:

We do not know how these executive orders will be followed by different federal agencies, or at the local level. **Some of these orders are currently being challenged in the courts.** There are also several legal mistakes in the orders; government agencies are still trying to find out how to exactly follow these executive orders.

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Sources: Immigrant Justice Network/ ACLU/
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