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please call **(1-844-878-7801)**. We check messages every day.

\*If you or a loved one are interviewed by ICE in the jail without your consent – or are wrongly transferred to ICE from the local jail –

# The TRUTH ACT: *Know Your Rights!*

Starting January 1, 2017, a new California Law called the **TRUTH** Act protects immigrants' basic rights in local jails. **Know your rights!**

## You always have the right to remain silent.

When talking to or in front of law enforcement, anything you say can and will be used against you—don't talk about your immigration status, citizenship, when or how you came to the US, or where you're from.

## You have the right to say "no" to an interview with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Under the TRUTH Act, ICE can only interview you in jail if you *sign* a consent form beforehand and agree to the interview. **This means that you have the right to refuse the interview and the right to remain silent!**

If for any reason ICE tries to interview you, you can exercise your right to remain silent. **You can also request to have your attorney present.** If you do not have an immigration attorney, you can find one at your own expense or, in some places, from a local non-profit organization.

## You have the right to know if ICE agents are looking for you in jail.

Under the TRUTH Act, police and sheriffs have to give you a copy of any ICE holds (requests by ICE to the jail to hold you for extra time\*\*) or ICE notification requests (requests by ICE for the date and time you will be released from jail).

The police or sheriff also need to inform you – and your attorney, or a person that you choose – in writing if they are going to tell ICE when you will be released from the jail. This gives you more time to prepare to fight your case.

\*\* In most cases, it is against the law for local jails to hold someone for extra time, just for deportation purposes. If any local law enforcement agency- like the police or sheriff - detains you on an ICE hold without probable cause issued by a judge they can be sued and they may have to pay you compensation.

*The TRUTH Act is one more step in the fight to get ICE out of California. Learn more at: [www.catruthact.org](http://www.catruthact.org)*