

WHAT TO DO...

If the FBI, INS, or Police Contact You for Questioning

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The FBI will likely target Iraqi immigrants, Iraqi-Americans and others of Middle Eastern origin for interviews and questioning.

If an FBI, INS, or police officer asks to speak to you:

- **Tell the officer you want to consult an attorney** before deciding what to do. Telling the officer that you need to speak to an attorney before answering any questions is legal and appropriate. If you want to talk to the FBI, INS, or police, your attorney can contact them for the interview on your behalf.
- **ANY information you give to an officer** without an attorney, even if it seems harmless, **can be used against you** or someone else. Lying to an officer is a separate crime. **Remaining silent is your right.**
- **You are not required to allow the officer into your home or office without a warrant.** Ask to see the warrant. However, do not obstruct an officer who refuses to show you a warrant and forces his or her way into your home or office. Tell the officer that he or she does not have your permission to enter.

If the FBI, INS, local police or other law enforcement contact you, write down the officer's name, agency, and telephone number. Then **CONTACT AN ATTORNEY IMMEDIATELY.**

If the officer claims to have a warrant for your arrest:

- **You have a right to see the warrant.** You must go with the officer, but you do not have to answer questions until you consult an attorney.
- If you are detained, **you should ask for an attorney and remain silent.** If you are detained in an immigration detention center, ask for contact information for attorneys. **You also have a right to call your embassy.**