



Know Your Rights Wallet Card

Many international students, scholars, and members of the BU community frequently travel abroad for research, work, or to visit family and friends. International travel is, for many of us, an essential part of our work. For this reason, we have compiled a know your rights card that you can print out and easily carry with you when you travel.

Print this page, cut out the card to the right, and fold into thirds.

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Know Your Rights

If you are stopped by immigration or the police, show them this card and remain silent. This card explains that you are exercising your right to refuse to answer any questions until you have talked with your lawyer.

TO THE OFFICER: Right now I am choosing to exercise my legal rights: I will remain silent and I refuse to answer your questions. If I am detained, I have the right to contact an attorney immediately. I refuse to sign anything without advice from an attorney.

Legal Resources

- ACLU Massachusetts: 1-617-903-8943
- Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit: 1-617-371-1234
- BU ISSO: 1-617-353-3565