

What actions has the Trump administration initiated with respect to immigrant communities? What is the status of those actions?

- [Executive Order 14159 "Protecting the American People Against Invasion" \(01/20/2025\)](#)
  - Increased detention and removal efforts
  - Expanded use of expedited removal
  - Denial of federal funding to sanctuary jurisdictions
- [Executive Order 14160 Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship \(01/20/2025\)](#)
- [Recission of previous ICE/CBP policy](#) limiting arrests in sensitive locations (01/20/2025)
- [Registration Form & Evidence of Registration Form](#)
- [Memo](#) regarding sanctuary jurisdiction directives (02/05/2025)
  - [City of San Francisco v. Trump](#) (02/07/2025)
  - City of Saint Paul joined litigation on (02/27/2025)

What legal rights do immigrants have?

You have rights under the U.S. Constitution **regardless of immigration status**:

- You have the right to remain silent.
- You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
- Unless an ICE agent has a warrant signed by a judge, you have the right to refuse his or her entry to your home.
- You have the right to refuse a search of your belongings.
- You have the right to decline to sign any documents without speaking to a lawyer first.

## What is St. Paul's separation ordinance and how does it apply?

- The City of Saint Paul adopted a separation ordinance in April of 2004. ([SPLC Ch. 44](#))
- The City of Saint Paul's separation ordinance states no city employee will ever take on the role of enforcing federal immigration policy and will not ask for immigration documentation or status in exchange for city services.



“Our city workers fight fires, investigate crimes, fill potholes, and provide safe spaces for youth with no regard to citizenship status. We’ve never had a role in enforcing federal immigration laws, nor asked for papers as a condition to receive city services, and we never will.”  
- St. Paul Mayor Melvin Carter

What resources and organizations exist to assist immigrant communities in St. Paul?

- The Immigrant and Refugee Program website includes resources related to food, healthcare, housing, legal assistance, education, transportation, CAO programming, and more.
- We invite community members to visit the website at <https://www.stpaul.gov/immigration-resources> or reach out directly to Assistant City Attorney Edmundo Lijo at [edmundo.lij@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:edmundo.lij@ci.stpaul.mn.us) for further assistance.

Immigrant and Refugee Resources



What should immigrant communities in St. Paul know? How can they best protect themselves in this moment?

- Develop an [Emergency Plan](#) if you believe you may be at risk for detention/removal.
- Each person's situation is unique, and advice must be individualized. If you have any questions or concerns about your immigration status, you are highly encouraged to consult with an immigration attorney. Visit <https://www.stpaul.gov/immigration-resources> for links to legal service providers.