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In public

- 1. You have the right to remain silent about your immigration status.**
- 2. Ask if you are free to leave.** If the officer says "yes," walk away silently. If the officer says "no," say you want to speak to a lawyer and then remain silent. Do not run away.
- 3. You have the right to refuse a search.** It is important that you clearly announce, "I do not consent to this search," even if the officer continues to search you or your belongings. Do not physically resist.