



# HOW DOES THE “SANCTUARY STATE” LAW PROTECT YOU?

The California Values Act or SB 54, sometimes called the “sanctuary state” law, is a new state law that limits police and sheriffs from acting as deportation agents.

## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

To report any violations of this new law,  
or to learn more, please leave a message  
1-844-878-7801  
or visit [www.iceoutofca.org](http://www.iceoutofca.org).



## POLICE AND SHERIFFS:

- **Cannot** ask about your immigration status.
- **Cannot** arrest you only for having a deportation order or for most other immigration violations.
- **Cannot** use Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or Border Patrol agents\* as interpreters.
- **Cannot** share your personal information, like your home address, with ICE or Border Patrol, unless it's publicly available.

## IF LOCAL POLICE OR SHERIFFS ARREST YOU, THEY:

- **Cannot** hold you in jail for extra time just for immigration agents to pick you up.
- **Cannot** let immigration agents interview you without your written consent. You have the right to refuse the interview and to remain silent.
- **Cannot** tell immigration agents when you will be released, or transfer you to their custody, with some exceptions.
  - Local law enforcement can choose to notify ICE or Border Patrol of your release or transfer you if you have certain convictions, such as:
    - State prison felony convictions
    - Most other felony convictions within 15 years
    - Higher-level misdemeanors within 5 years(But locals can also pass stronger policies with fewer exceptions, to protect due process for all.)
  - Local law enforcement can notify immigration agents of your release date if the information is already public.
  - If local law enforcement decides to notify or transfer you to immigration agents, they must give you advance written notice and a copy of ICE or Border Patrol's request. This will help you begin to fight your case.

## STATE PRISON OFFICIALS:

- **Cannot** let immigration agents interview you without your written consent.
- **Cannot** limit your access to rehabilitation and educational programs.
- **Cannot** consider immigration status when determining your classification.

Remember! 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 U.S., or where you're from.

*(None of this is intended as legal advice.)*

*\*ICE and Border Patrol agents are also known as "immigration agents."*