



**Policy Brief:**

**Civil rights and protections for immigrants at risk of deportation**

**New York Immigration Coalition**

**This poster will explain the rights of immigrants living in New York City, focusing on protections available to people who are at risk of deportation.**

**About the advocate**

Representing the collective interests and voices of New York's immigrant communities and organizations, The New York Immigration Coalition aims to improve access to healthcare, increase resources for English-language learners, mobilize civic participation, and fight for immigration reform that keeps families together.

**The issue**

For immigrants at risk of deportation, the fear of being deported can outweigh taking care of basic needs like going to the doctor, reporting a crime, and even going to school. Aggressive enforcement tactics used by the Trump administration feed on this fear, and immigration enforcement agents exploit it in order to confuse and detain people. Without clear and usable information on the legal protections and resources available, immigrant families are left without critical tools to protect their safety and wellbeing.

**The impact**

This poster will help immigrant New Yorkers understand the rights they have when interacting with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), accessing health

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care, going to school, and using legal services. It will illustrate concrete steps they can take to protect these rights and learn about available services and resources. It will empower immigrant New Yorkers to work together with others in their communities to advocate for their own lives and those of their loved ones.

## **The distribution network**

NYIC will distribute the poster through their coalition of nearly 200 member organizations across the New York City and New York State. NYIC also hosts regular public events where they provide consular, social, and legal services to immigrants and will distribute the publication to those attendees. This project will also be distributed at workshops, trainings, and community advocacy events.



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