

**timeline of events:**

- ✦ **Arrest:** ICE has arrested you at a raid or random check.
- ✦ **Transportation:** ICE will transport you to a holding facility. *(Several hours to a full day)*
- ✦ **Detention:** You will be held overnight in this facility, and sometimes over the weekend until processing. *(1-3 nights)*
  - **Do not sign anything.**
  - **Ask to call your family or a lawyer. Ask for your lawyer to be present during questioning.**
  - **Do not talk or try to make friends with guards, anything you say may be used against you.**
- ✦ **Processing:** In SF, you will be taken back to SF for processing at 630 Sansome Street. *(1 full day)*
  - **Here they will decide bond or no bond. Insist on a bond hearing!**
- ✦ **Bond Processing:** They will set your court date for a bond hearing, usually on the *3rd or 4th day after arrest.*
- ✦ **Bond Hearing:** Friends, family and supporters may come to bond hearings. They may bring evidence to help you. *(1 day)*
- ✦ **Master Hearing:** If released on bond, they will set a court date for your proceedings. Attend this court date and gather any evidence to support your case.
  - **Speak with an attorney!** *(Approx. 1 month later)*

**if you are ARRESTED**



- ✦ Stay quiet
- ✦ Ask for a lawyer
- ✦ Write down who is arresting you (Police, ICE, FBI) -- and their ID numbers
- ✦ Do not sign any papers
- ✦ Find out your A-Number
- ✦ Ask for a bond
- ✦ Call family and have them find a lawyer

**phone numbers + addresses**



- ✦ **DHS Detention & Removal Field Office SF**      **415.844.5512**  
630 Sansome Street, Room 590  
San Francisco, CA 94111
- ✦ **Immigration Court Hotline**      **800.898.7180**
  - Use this number to find out if hearings have been scheduled in Immigration Court.
  - You will need the person's alien registration number, "A-Number."
- ✦ **San Francisco Immigration Court**      **415.705.4415**  
120 Montgomery Street, Suite 800  
San Francisco, CA 94104

**deportations + detentions**

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## what can FAMILY + FRIENDS do?



- **Call to find out where the person is detained.** Have their full name, date of birth, A-number and place of arrest if known. Have your phone lines un-blocked to receive collect calls from jail, in case the person tries to call you.
- It is possible to visit someone while they are being detained in both a county or federal detention center, or during processing (at 630 Sansome). **You may need the detained individual's A-number in order to locate the individual.**
- **Immediately collect letters of support from community groups, religious centers, schools, family, friends or employers;** as well as proof of property ownership (car, home), or enrollment in school or work programs. If the person is eligible for bond, this will help prove they are not at risk of leaving the area.

## frequently asked QUESTIONS



### ***Where will the detained individual be taken?***

ICE agents will normally transport detained individuals to 630 Sansome Street in San Francisco for processing, but detained individuals may be held in a county jail first. After processing they may be held in a federal facility.

**If someone you know is detained by ICE, immediately contact an immigration lawyer.**

### ***What happens during processing?***

ICE agents will prepare Form I-213 [Report on Deportable Alien], issue a Notice to Appear [document of removal with a court appearance date] and determine if the detained individual is eligible for a bond.

### ***How can I find out if a bond has been set for someone who has been detained?***

Call DHS Detention and Deportation at (415) 844-5651. Give the Detention Officer the person's name and information on when they were arrested. Ask where the person is being detained. Ask for the detained person's A# number and if any bond has been set. You will need to identify yourself and relationship to the detained individual.

### ***Is everyone who is detained eligible for bond and release from detention?***

No. Most people are eligible for bond. However, people with serious criminal convictions or alleged to be security threats will be subject to mandatory detention. Individuals who have illegally re-entered after deportation, or are under final orders of removal or deportation may not get bond.

Some individuals may be subject to "expedited removal" and will be deported without a hearing or bond.

### ***What should the detained person do if the District Director has refused to set a bond or if the bond amount is too high?***

Tell DHS officials that you would like to have your case reviewed by an immigration judge. The immigration judge has the authority to set a bond or release a detained person on their own merits in some cases.

### ***How is immigration bond posted?***

You may take a cashier's check or money order payable to Department of Homeland Security to 630 Sansome Street, 5th Floor, and post the exact bond amount for the detained individual. **Cash, personal or business checks are NOT accepted for bonds.**

You need the detained name, date of birth, address, country of birth and A# in order to post the bond. Also, bonds need to be posted between 9am and 3pm. (Early in the day is best.) When the case is completed and the detained situation is resolved, the entire amount of the bond will be returned to payer. If the detained does not comply with the ruling of the Immigration Court, or attempts to flee, bond will be forfeited and the money will NOT be returned.

You may also contact a bonding company to obtain a surety bond. A bonding company will charge approximately \$1000 to place a \$5000 bond for a detained individual. **This money will not be returned to you. You may be forced to sign over property deeds for this type of loan. Wherever possible, try to find the money for your bond among friends and family -- avoid going to bail bond agencies.**

### ***What happens after the bond is posted?***

The detained will be released and required to appear at a later date before an immigration judge in deportation or removal proceedings. If the detained person is being held far away, you will need to send him/her a bus or airline ticket plus money to return to the Bay Area.

**NOTE:** This brochure is intended as general information. It is not a substitute for individualized legal advice. If you are a low income resident of San Francisco you may be entitled to free legal advice provided by the San Francisco Immigrant Legal and Education Network.