

RESOURCES FOR UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE

Amidst a New Presidential Administration



With the upcoming inauguration of a president-elect whose campaign has said they will remove undocumented folks, it's important to take a moment to think about your rights and the resources available. While GLSEN is not equipped to provide legal advice, we wanted to share resources and take this time to highlight considerations for LGBTQ+ youth. The intersection of being undocumented and LGBTQ+ can make it particularly difficult to navigate the legal system, especially with increased fear of being detained or deported ([Teen Vogue](#)).

The Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law found that there are approximately 300,000 undocumented queer immigrants currently living in the U.S. ([Williams Institute](#)). **It's important to know your status, know your rights, and put those rights into action.**

Helpful Organizations

There are numerous organizations that advocate for those at the intersection of immigration and LGBTQ+ identity:

- Immigrant Equality ([IE](#)). Based in New York, NY.
- The National Immigrant Justice Center ([NIJC](#)) LGBTQ Immigrant Rights Initiative. Based in and representation limited to the Midwest.
- United We Dream (UWD).
- Organized Communities Against Deportations (OCAD)

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Greisa Martínez Rosas

Executive Director of United We Dream



Know Your Rights

- The **ACLU** has this helpful guide: [Know Your Rights, Immigrants' Rights](#)
- The **National Immigration Law Center** posted this guidance on [knowing your rights no matter who is president](#). It was originally published in November 2016 and was updated earlier this year.
- For more guidance, **KQED** provides a guide of what undocumented folks should know before the start of the next presidential term ([KQED](#)).

If you are in a removal proceeding, you're on DACA, or your family is mixed-status, talk to your attorney as soon as possible.

You Have the Right To....



- Remain silent. You may refuse to speak to immigration officers.
- Carry a know-your-rights card and show it if an immigration officer stops you.
- Not open your door.
- Speak to a lawyer.
- Talk to a lawyer before you sign anything.
- Always carry with you any valid immigration document you have.
- If you are worried ICE will arrest you, let the officer know if you have children.
- Create a safety plan.
- Report and document raids and arrests.
- Find legal help.