

ENCOUNTERING A FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AGENT

If a UMBC campus community member encounters a federal immigration enforcement agent seeking access to non-public campus spaces (e.g., campus residences, classrooms, administrative or faculty offices, and research facilities, athletic locker rooms, and any space where entryways are locked or access is restricted by an ID card), or personal information about a student, faculty, or staff member:

- ***Immediately call UMBC Police at 410-455-5555.*** Officers will respond to engage with the agent, determine the purpose of their visit, and involve appropriate campus officials.
- Inform the agent that you are not authorized to grant permission to enter non-public areas, provide information about individual students or employees, or accept service of documentation on behalf of the University. They must coordinate with the UMBC Police.
- Do not physically block or interfere with any law enforcement action. Stay calm and allow UMBC Police to manage all interactions with outside law enforcement for your safety and the safety of our community.
- Do not accept subpoenas, warrants, or any legal documents on behalf of UMBC or yourself. UMBC Police will coordinate with the Office of General Counsel to review all such documents.
- You are not required to confirm or deny the presence of any student, staff, or faculty member, or share information about the inquiry with other parties.



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GENERAL RIGHTS INFORMATION

The following reflects general information about individual rights under federal law. **It is not legal advice.**

- You have the right to remain silent. You do not have to disclose or answer questions about your immigration or citizenship status. (Different rules may apply at country borders and airports.)
- You do not have to sign anything. Signing documents may waive important rights and protections.
- You have the right to document the situation, including the date and time, agent name and identification number, agency affiliation, and details of the interaction.
- For international students and scholars holding in-status visas: Federal law requires all registered foreign nationals to always carry proof of registration on their person. If a legitimate immigration agent requests your papers, present them if accessible. If your visa is out of status, you should consult with an immigration attorney. You have the right to contact your consulate.

General Rights Information - At Home, Apartment, or Residence Hall Room

- You do not have to open the door unless agents present a warrant that authorizes entry. Historically, a removal/deportation warrant (ICE warrant) has not authorized agents to enter a residence without valid consent or exigent circumstances (such as an immediate threat to life or safety); however, the US Department of Homeland Security is currently challenging this position.
- You have the right to remain silent, even if an agent presents a judicial search or arrest warrant that authorizes their entry.
- You do not have to sign anything. Signing documents may waive important rights and protections.