



KYR Workshop Scenarios

Know Your Rights: Immigration Workshop

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The following four scenarios were developed for a role play exercise included in a **Know Your Rights: Immigration Workshop** on Saturday, September 2017. They are designed to be practiced in small breakout groups and presented to the group at-large, followed by a group dialogue.

SCENARIO 1

You came to Chicago on a travel visa. It expired 6 months. Since then, you have been staying with your tita (aunt) and her family.

Your tita and tito have U.S. citizenship, and your cousin is a legal permanent resident. One day, you hear a loud knock on the door. Your uncle goes to the door to look and see who it is. There are two men who he doesn't recognize.

Tito: Who's there?

ICE agent: Immigration, open up!

Tito: *Looks at all of you.* Anong gagawin natin? (What are we going to do?)

ICE agent: We know you're in there, and we know you're hiding illegals! We have a warrant signed, so you have to let us in. We're not gonna ask again...OPEN UP! If you don't open this door, we'll make sure to expedite your deportation.

What do you tell your Tito?

For discussion:

1. What rights do each of you have?
2. Do you open the door? Why, or why not?
3. When is it legal for ICE to enter the house?
4. Is the ICE agent telling the truth? Does he have to?

SCENARIO 2

You came to Chicago on a travel visa. It expired 6 months. Since then, you have been staying with your tita (aunt) and her family.

You borrow her car to run some errands nearby, and your cousin (who is a legal permanent resident) comes with you. On your way to the grocery store, you notice a police car following you. You drive with caution. However, the police officer turns his lights on and tells you to pull over. You follow his order, pull over to the side of the road, and roll down your window. The police officer walks up to the side of your car.

Police Officer: I need your license and registration. *He stares at you for a couple seconds.*
Wait...YOU'RE AN ILLEGAL AREN'T YOU?

What do you do?

For discussion:

1. What rights do you have?
2. What do you say to the officer?
3. What if the officer asks to see your cousin's identification?
4. What do you do/say if the officer demands to search your car?
5. What are possible outcomes?

SCENARIO 3

You came to Chicago on a travel visa. It expired 6 months. Since then, you have been staying with your tita (aunt) and her family.

You don't have a work permit, so it's been hard to find a job. For awhile, you worked for a family as a live-in domestic worker, until they moved to a different state. Now that you're back with your tita, you've been looking for work nearby. A friend of a family friend tells you about a guy who employs other pinoy under-the-table. You contact him and soon get a job at his factory, moving heavy boxes. You work the night shift; it's only you, two other Pinoys, and a supervisor (who you know is a citizen). You hear a loud banging on the door.

ICE agent: Open up, it's ICE! You have to listen to us. Look, if you cooperate, we promise not to deport anyone. We're only here to investigate the owner of this establishment.

Your supervisor goes to the door and sees a group of ICE agents. They hold a piece of paper up to the door.

What do you tell her to do?

For discussion:

1. What rights do the workers have?
2. Your supervisor want to know what to do to protect you. What do you ask her to do?
3. Is it illegal for ICE agents to ask workers to identify your immigration status and country of origin?
4. When is it legal for ICE to enter your workplace?

SCENARIO 4

You came to Chicago on a travel visa. It expired 6 months. Since then, you have been staying with your tita (aunt) and her family.

A police officer stops you on the street. He asks to search you. Although you say, "I do not consent to a search," he searches anyways. He finds your Philippine passport on you.

Policeman: Are you visiting, or are you here illegally?

What do you say/do?

For discussion:

1. What are the consequences for bringing your passport?
2. What would've been a better response?
3. What do you do if he arrests you?
4. What are your rights?