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## YOUR BASIC RIGHTS DURING A HOME RAID

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- Stay calm at all times. As much as possible, try to remain calm and think clearly despite being harassed or intimidated.
- Remember your immigration number ("A Number") and share it with your family. This will help your family find you.
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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS! HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF DURING AN IMMIGRATION RAID

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