

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS AS A TRAVELER

GENERAL TRAVEL GUIDANCE

NON-CITIZENS:

Avoid international travel unless necessary.

- Consult an immigration attorney first.
- Avoid travel if your visa stamp does not reflect your current status.
- Attorneys report delays, detentions, and reentry denials—especially for Muslims and Palestine-related activists.

If you must travel:

- Carry both physical and digital copies of key documents (passport, visa, I-20, I-94, proof of U.S. status).
- Share your itinerary and documents with someone you trust.
- Stay in contact during your trip (e.g., “I just landed”).
- Be prepared for enhanced screening or secondary inspection.

LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENT:

- **Do NOT sign Form I-407 (abandonment of status).**
- You are entitled to an immigration hearing.
- Carry documentation proving continuous residence (license, bills, pay stubs, tax records).
- A criminal record, even old, may impact reentry.

F-1 VISA HOLDERS:

- Your status is based on your I-20, not your visa's expiration date.
- Travel with a REAL ID or valid state ID.
- Keep your I-94 accessible online (CBP.gov) showing D/S (duration of status).
- TSA agents may not understand student visa rules—be prepared to explain.

U.S. CITIZENS

You can travel, but prepare:

- Share travel plans and documents with someone you trust.
- Secure your devices.
- Understand that border protections differ, at the border, you are not fully inside the U.S.

Border Rights:

- You must present ID and answer basic questions.
- Be prepared for secondary inspection.
- You may be asked to unlock electronic devices, know your rights regarding unlocking devices.

DIGITAL SECURITY GUIDANCE

U.S. CITIZENS & LPRS:

- Cannot be denied entry for refusing to unlock phones or provide passwords.
- May face delays or device seizure.
- Only required to answer identity and travel-related questions.
- Don't sign anything you don't understand.

VISA HOLDERS:

- May be denied entry for refusing to cooperate.
- CBP can inspect or seize electronic devices.
- Your refusal to unlock them likely leads to denial of entry, detention or device confiscation.

PROTEST & DISSENT GUIDANCE

NON-CITIZENS

- Let U.S. citizens lead public activism.
- The Laken Riley Act increases risk of detention and deportation upon arrest- even without conviction.
- Students have been surveilled, detained, or disappeared temporarily.
- Past executive orders have targeted immigrants for activism and ideology.
- Risks include:
 - Surveillance and visa denial
 - Deportation for "anti-American" speech
 - Targeting of those from identified countries

CITIZENS

- You have the right to protest.
- Protest is a fundamental American tradition.
- Be strategic: Know your rights in different situations.
- CAIR encourages parents to support their children's free speech - future freedoms depend on action now.