

Borders and Business: Navigating the Maze of Employment Immigration

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Employee accepts offer for employment



Employee **completes Section 1** of the form no later than first day of work for pay



Employee gives documents and form to employer



Employer **completes Section 2** of the form no later than 3rd business day employee starts work for pay



If Employee's work authorization expires, complete Supplement B



Current Events in Immigration

Kristi Noem Selected to Serve as Trump's Secretary of Homeland Security

- Noem was confirmed on in January of 2025.
- DHS has an approved annual budget of \$62 billion and over 260,000 employees. In July, Congress passed the "One Big Beautiful Bill," allocating an additional \$75 billion to ICE through 2029— approximately \$45 billion to expand detention capacity and \$30 billion for enforcement and deportation operations—triple their current annual funding.
- ICE is now the most funded federal law enforcement agency.
- "Kristi has been very strong on Border Security. She will work closely with 'Border Czar' Tom Homan to secure the Border and will guarantee that our American Homeland is secure from our adversaries," Trump said in a statement officially announcing the pick.



"President Trump has a clear message: if you are here illegally, we will find you and deport you. You will never return."

Tom Homan Named Border Czar

"I will run the biggest deportation operation this country has ever seen."



- Oversees day-to-day operations and strategy on border security.
- 30+ year law enforcement career includes roles as Border Patrol Agent and Acting ICE Director under Trump.
- Spearheaded a 40% surge in deportation arrests during Trump's first term.
- Consistently advocated for workforce enforcement to target undocumented workers and the businesses that hire them.
- York on July 22nd, Homan promised to "flood the zone," dramatically increasing ICE deployments and enforcement in sanctuary cities like NYC (and surrounding areas), asserting that sanctuary policies are "sanctuaries for criminals" and vowing aggressive action in workplaces.

Current Executive Orders and Recent Actions: Mass Deportation Initiative

- Commencing with plans for large-scale deportations, to remove millions of undocumented individuals from the U.S.
- Building expansive detention facilities and deputizing local law enforcement to assist in federal immigration enforcement efforts. ICE has begun conducting raids and arrests on a wide scale
- As part of the "flood the zone" campaign, ICE has issued over 6,000 detainers in New York City—a 400% surge from previous periods—and has intensified arrest and raid operations in multiple sanctuary jurisdictions



Current Executive Orders and Recent Action: Revocation of "CHNV" Parole

- DHS terminated the CHNV (Cuba, Haiti, Nicaragua, and Venezuela) parole program effective April 24th.
 - (program allowed nationals from these 4 countries to come to the US for a limited period of time, meeting certain criteria to provide a safe and orderly pathway for people fleeing hardship.)
- Notices revoking both parole and Employment Authorization Documents (EADs) were sent starting June 12th, following the Supreme Court lifting an injunction ordered by a lower court.
- Approximately 1.6 million people impacted, approx. 400,000 from each country.
- The revocation of CHNV parole has created significant confusion in the workplace, as only the employee receives notice of status and EAD termination, leaving employers in the dark—esp. those not enrolled in E-Verify, which is being updated to flag invalidated work authorization.
- Non-E-Verify employers receive no automatic alerts, increasing the risk of continued employment of unauthorized workers and exposing them to I-9 liability.



Current Executive Orders and Recent Actions: Temporary Protected Status ("TPS")

- Venezuela TPS (2021 Designation) Remains in Place: Individuals present in the U.S. as of March 8, 2021. Extended through September 10, 2025, with employment authorization continu
- Venezuela TPS (2023
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- Haiti TPS Termination the end of Haiti's TPSjudge in New York has employment authorization

ALERT: After reviewing country conditions and consulting with the appropriate U.S. government agencies, Secretary of Homeland Security Kristi Noem determined that Venezuela no longer meets the conditions for its designation for Temporary Protected Status (TPS), and that the termination of the 2023 Venezuela TPS designation is required as it is contrary to the national interest. On October 3, 2025, the Supreme Court allowed the termination to take immediate effect. TPS beneficiaries who received TPS-related employment authorization documents (EADs), Forms I-797, Notices of Action, and Forms I-94 issued with October 2, 2026, expiration dates on or before February 5, 2025 will maintain work authorization and their documentation will remain valid until October 2, 2026, pursuant to the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California's order dated May 30, 2025.

Separately, Secretary Noem published her notice to terminate the Venezuela 2021 designation, which is effective on Nov. 7, 2025, at 11:59 p.m. See Termination of the 2021 Designation of Venezuela for Temporary Protected Status, 90 Fed. Reg. 43225 (Sept. 8, 2025).

TPS for Afghanistan (effective July 14, 2025) and announced the non-renewal of TPS for Nicaragua and Honduras (all expiring between July and September 2025), prompting legal and policy challenges.





Worksite Investigations



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Why Would ICE be at the Worksite? Raids vs. Audits

- ICE may come to the worksite to:
 - Start an I-9 audit (Document will be called "Notice of Inspection");
 - Workplace raid must have a judicial warrant;
 - Detain a specific person must have a judicial warrant.



DHS Raids - ICE vs. CBP



- ICE and CBP are both agencies of the Department of Homeland Security.
- **CBP** enforces customs and immigration law at and near the border.
- ICE enforces customs and immigration laws at the border as well as in the interior of the United States. ICE is typically the agency involved in worksite investigations (I-9 and related).
- ICE investigations target unauthorized employment as well as individuals who have committed criminal activity.
- CBP activity usually centers solely around individuals who committed criminal activity.

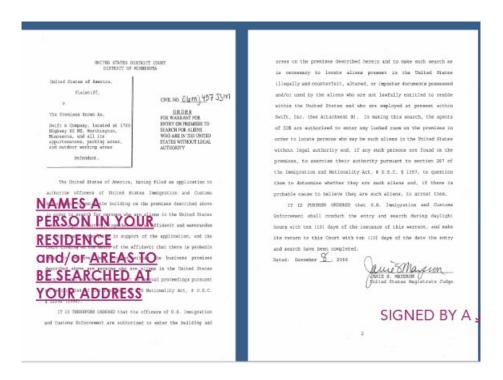
What Protections are Available?



- Employers and employees have rights under law, regardless of status
 - 4th Amendment protects people against unreasonable search and seizure of their home, person and belongings.
 - 5th Amendment right to remain silent.
- Worksite Raids must be accompanied by a <u>Judicial Warrant</u> signed by a judge and give a specific scope of search and seizure.
- Home Searches must also be accompanied by a Judicial Warrant.
- Warrants
 - An administrative warrant authorizes an ICE agent to make an arrest or seizure, but not to search.
 - An ICE warrant does not authorize an ICE agent to enter a private space or home without consent.
 - An ICE warrant does not provide probable cause of a crime or meet Fourth Amendment requirements for arrest.

Sample Warrants

Judicial Warrant



Administrative Warrant

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Resources

Know Your Rights

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Know your rights when stopped

- https://www.aclusocal.org/en/know-your-rights/when-stopped-officer
- https://www.aclusocal.org/es/know-your-rights/si-lo-detiene-un-oficial

Know your rights if questions by police, FBI, customs agents or immigration officers

- https://www.aclusocal.org/en/know-your-rights/if-questioned-police-fbi-customs-agents-or-immigration-officers
- https://www.aclusocal.org/es/know-your-rights/que-debe-hacer-si-la-policia-un-agente-de-immigracion-o-el-fbi-lo-detiene

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Proactive ICE Audit and Raid Preparation

Be Raid Ready: Proactive Employer Checklist

I-9s and Documentation

- ☐ Ensure all employees hired after Nov. 6, 1986, have complete I-9s
- ☐ Use payroll records to identify missing forms
- □ Retain I-9s for the required retention period (3 years after hire or 1 year after termination)

Internal I-9 Audit

- □ Conduct regular internal audits (at least annually)
- ☐ Fix technical errors promptly with proper correction protocols
- □ Log all audit activities and keep copies of previous audits

Training and Policy

- ☐ Train HR/managers on I-9 completion and document review
- ☐ Create clear policies for onboarding, reverification, and termination
- □ Educate supervisors on NLRA risks and protected concerted activity

Raid Readiness

- □ Designate a Rapid Response Team (include legal contact info)
- ☐ Prepare a written Raid Protocol with specific instructions
- ☐ Assign trained liaisons to interact with ICE
- ☐ Run mock raid scenarios or tabletop exercises
- ☐ Consider using E-Verify if appropriate for your business



Best Practices

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Preparation

Immigration Point Person

- Assign a staff member as the primary contact for all DHS/ICE/CBP correspondence.
- Ensure all employees are aware of who this person is and how to contact them

Employee Awareness and Communication

- Train employees to immediately notify the Immigration Point Person in case of any contact from DHS/ICE/CBP.
- Provide clear instructions on workplace rights and responsibilities in case of a raid.

Workplace Signage and Access Control

- Ensure proper signage is displayed on all private and non-public workspaces.
- Restrict unauthorized access to non-public areas unless legally required.



ICE or CBP Arrival – Call Us!!!

Handling ICE or CBP Agent Arrival

- Ask agents if they have a warrant.
- If no warrant is presented, deny access to employees, documents, and non-public areas.
- If a warrant is presented, carefully review its details.

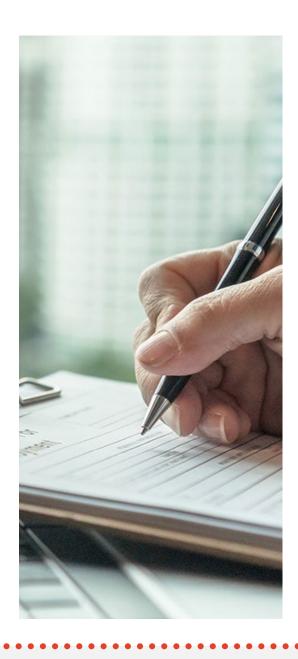
Validating the Warrant

- Confirm it is a judicial warrant, issued by a federal court and signed by a judge.
- If it is an administrative warrant (issued by DHS/ICE/CBP), it does not grant access to non-public areas.

Managing the Search and Seizure Process

- Cooperate within the limits of the warrant.
- Do not interfere with officers' search and seizure within the scope of the warrant.
- Record details of the search, including items taken and persons spoken to or detained.





Documenting the Activity

Documentation and Evidence Collection

- Keep detailed records of all interactions, searches, and seizures.
- Request a copy of the warrant and any inventory of seized items.

Protecting Business-Critical and Confidential Documents

- If agents attempt to seize confidential or critical business documents, request an accommodation to retain or copy them.
- Consult legal counsel immediately for guidance.

Post-Raid Review and Next Steps

- Conduct a debriefing with key personnel to document the event.
- Consult an immigration attorney to assess the situation and respond appropriately.
- Provide necessary support to affected employees.
- Revise and update this action plan based on new developments or legal requirements.



Auditing Form I-9

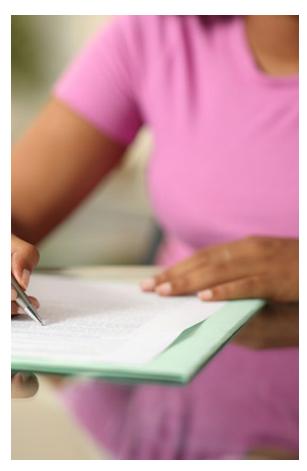
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Form I-9 Basic Requirements

- Current Form I-9 Version Requirements
 - Required edition: 01/20/25 (expires 05/31/2027): Now necessary for new hires or reverifications that occur under certain conditions.
 - Previous 08/01/23 editions still acceptable until expiration: Two versions expire either 05/31/2027 or 07/31/2026, can be used until their expiration dates. After that, only the 01/20/25 edition is allowed.
 - Electronic I-9 systems must be updated by July 31, 2026: If you use an electronic platform, it must support the new expiration (05/31/2027), or you could be non-compliant.
- You may delegate the authority to complete Form I-9 to an "Authorized Representative." However, you will retain liability for any errors.
- "Alternative Procedure" for E-Verify users.



Form I-9 Basic Requirements



- For all Active Employees hired post November 6, 1986.
- Section 1 completed by <u>employee no later than</u> <u>start date</u> of employment.
- Section 2 completed by <u>employer by end of third</u> <u>business day</u> after employee starts work.
- May complete form prior to start date if offer of employment is made and accepted.

Penalties



Example: 100 employees 51% error rate. (51 x 2,861)= potential fine \$145,911 100 employees 100% error rate. (100 x2,861)= potential fine \$286,100

⚠ Before We Begin: Know The Risks

Employers that commit immigration violations face significant penalties:

- **Civil Fines**: Up to \$2,861 per I-9 violation, up to \$5,724 for knowingly hiring undocumented workers, and up to \$28,619 per worker for repeat offenders.
- Criminal Penalties: Business leaders can face up to 10 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines for knowingly employing undocumented workers.
- Asset Seizure: Conviction may trigger forfeiture of assets and profits linked to the violation.
- Loss of Government Contracts:
 You could be debarred from federal
 contracting under an Executive
 Order.
- Business Disruptions: ICE raids can bring immediate work stoppages, trigger media attention, and disrupt morale.

Sample Audit

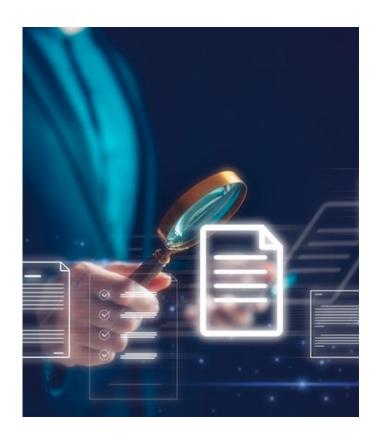
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Self-Audit – Getting Started

- Generate a list of all current employees and terminated employees for the last 3 years.
 - Include name, date of hire, date of rehire, date of termination and distinguishing fact (SSN or DOB).
- Pull I-9 forms for all current employees first.
- Make sure that you have an I-9 form for each employee on the list.
- Make a note on the list if an I-9 form is missing for a particular employee.
- For current employees with missing I-9s, complete new I-9 on current version of the Form I-9 and current dates.
- Run E-Verify Report to find any current employees with "Final Nonconfirmations" who are still working.



Self-Audit - Cont.



- Correct errors, as allowed, on each form.
- Section 1 Employee makes corrections.
- Section 2 Employer makes corrections.
- Strike a line through errors do not use White Out or Liquid Paper. Must be transparent. <u>Do NOT</u> <u>backdate</u>.
- All corrections should be initialed/name written, dated, and include the words "Per Self Audit" by the internal company I-9 auditor
- Electronic system should have audit trail for corrections

Form I-9 Resources

I-9 M-274 Manual:

https://www.uscis.gov/i- 9-central/form-i-9-resources/handbook-for-employers-m-274

USCIS I-9 Central:

www.uscis.gov

Fisher Phillips' Rapid Response Team:

https://www.fisherphillips.com/en/services/practice s/immigration/employers-rapid-response-team-fordhs-raids.html?tab=overview





Employers' Rapid Response Team:
Who we are and How We can Help

Employers' Rapid Response Team for DHS Raids

In today's regulatory environment, businesses must be prepared for unexpected workplace enforcement actions by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Even with the best internal practices regarding the verification of employee work authorization documentation, the DHS may still investigate a workplace. These enforcement actions, including Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI), or Customs and Border Protection (CBP) audits and workplace raids, can disrupt operations, create civil and criminal liabilities for companies, owners, managers, and employees, and significantly impact your workforce.

Contact Information

Employers' Rapid Response Team Emergency Hotline for Active Raids 877-483-7781

DHSRaid@fisherphillips.com

Answers To Employer Questions In Wake Of Threatened ICE Raids

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) threatened to start to carry out a series of immigration raids this weekend seeking to identify and apprehend undocumented individuals – with some potentially occurring at the nation's workplaces. These potential raids might continue for weeks or months, with varying levels of intensity and geographic focus. Even if they do not materialize to the extent originally promised, just the specter of these enforcement activities has raised a number of questions from employers about how to respond to such an action, and how to minimize the chances of them happening in the first place.

What If Our Business Is Visited By ICE?

ICE typically inspects employers' premises in one of two ways: through an audit, or through a raid.

What To Do If You Face An ICE Audit

The most common way in which your business might end up interacting with enforcement officials is through an audit. The agency will initiate an audit through a Notice of Inspection, which asks you to produce certain 1-9s for inspection within three days. In addition to 1-9 forms for current and recently terminated employees, you will most likely be asked to turn over a list of current employees, quarterly wage and hour reports, payroll records, E-Verify confirmations (if the company uses the system), and related business information, including the business owner's Social Security Number.

If you receive such a Notice, immediately contact your legal counsel. You may be able to receive a

Employer DHS/ICE Raid Preparedness Action Plan Checklist



1. Immigration Point Person

- Assign a staff member as the primary contact for all DHS/ICE/CBP co
- Ensure all employees are aware of who this person is and how to cont
- Immigration Point Person:
 - Name:
 - Contact Info:

2. Employee Awareness and Communication

- Train employees to immediately notify the Immigration Point Person in DHS/ICE/CRP
- Provide clear instructions on workplace rights and responsibilities in (
- Inform employees that they should not communicate with DHS/ICE/CI

3. Workplace Signage and Access Control

- Ensure proper signage is displayed on all private and non-public work
- Restrict unauthorized access to non-public areas unless legally requir

4. Handling ICE or CBP Agent Arrival

- Step 1: Ask agents if they have a warrant.
- Step 2: If no warrant is presented, deny access to employees, documer
- Step 3: If a warrant is presented, carefully review its details.

5. Validating the Warrant

- Confirm it is a judicial warrant, issued by a federal court and signed by
- If it is an administrative warrant (issued by DHS/ICE/CBP), it does not non-public areas.

6. Managing the Search and Seizure Process

- Cooperate within the limits of the warrant.
- Do not interfere with officers' search and seizure within the scope of the warrant.
- Record details of the search, including items taken and persons spoken to or detained.

7. Employee Rights and Conduct

- Inform employees that it is their choice whether to answer questions from ICE agents.
- Inform employees that it is **choice whether** to **remain silent** and request legal representation

8. Documentation and Evidence Collection

- ☐ Keep detailed records of all interactions, searches, and seizures.
- Request a copy of the warrant and any inventory of seized items.

9. Handling Arrested or Detained Employees

- Gather details on where detained employees are being taken.
- Notify legal counsel or an immigration attorney for assistance

10. Protecting Business-Critical and Confidential Documents

- If agents attempt to seize confidential or critical business documents, request an accommodation to retain or copy them.
- Consult legal counsel immediately for guidance.

11. Post-Raid Review and Next Steps

- Conduct a debriefing with key personnel to document the event.
- Consult an immigration attorney to assess the situation and respond appropriately
- Coordinate with crisis communications team to manage post-raid internal and extern
- communications and to limit risk and minimize exposure

 Provide necessary support to affected employees.
- Revise and update this action plan based on new developments or legal requirements.

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