



What You Need to Know about President Trump's Executive Orders

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Executive Order – “Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States”

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New Priorities for Deportation

This executive order states the priorities for non-citizens that should be removed or deported from the United States. The new priorities are removable aliens who:

- Convicted of any criminal offense
- Charged with any criminal offense where the charge is “not resolved”
- Committed “acts” that constitute a “chargeable criminal offense”
- Covered by any deportation ground related to crimes, criminal behavior (e.g. prostitution, drug sales), allegations of terrorism or national security
- Subject to “expedited removal” (e.g. a fast track deportation process that applies to people found within 100 miles from the border who cannot prove they have been here for 14 days)
- Subject to a final order of removal, and are still here. It does not matter when you got the order of removal.
- Suspected of fraud or willful misrepresentation in their immigration cases
- An “abuser” of any government benefit program
- A threat to public safety and security in the “judgment” of an “immigration officer.”

Those who are more at risk for deportation are people in detention or jail, people who have had contact with the criminal justice system, and people with a final order of removal

Additional Enforcement and Removal Officers

This executive order hires 10,000 additional ICE officers.

Federal-State Agreements

This executive order allows immigration to enter into agreements with states and localities.

These agreements could allow state and local law enforcement to investigate and detain undocumented immigrants and turn them over to ICE. This will re-instate the “Secure Communities” program.

Sanctuary Cities

This executive order states that sanctuary cities are not eligible to receive federal grants, except when necessary.

Though there are other provisions within this executive order, we believe these are the most relevant to the immigrant and refugee community.
