

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

As a Muslim American While Traveling



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF CONTACTED BY DHS?

If you are a U.S. Citizen, you cannot be denied re-entry. If you are not a citizen and you are contacted by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) or other U.S. immigration officials, remember:

- **The law requires you to carry your registration documents with you at all times.** If you do not produce them, you may be arrested
- **Never sign anything without reading and understanding it.**
- **You have the right to an attorney** who can visit you and represent you in immigration hearings. It is a good idea to carry the contact information of an immigration attorney. You can also call CAIR-NY at 646-665-7599.
- **Officials may not ask you improper questions** about your religion, political beliefs, membership or donations to any group, or past travels.



WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I EXPERIENCE DIFFICULTIES AS AN AIRLINE PASSENGER?

You have the right to travel in peace.

- If you believe you have been treated in a discriminatory manner by an airport or airline employee or by security personnel, ask if you have been singled out due to your name, race, ethnicity, or faith. Write-down the name, ID number, and contact information for the parties involved and any witnesses. Write a statement of facts immediately after the incident, and report it to CAIR-NY
- If another passenger is harassing you on an airplane, you can contact an attendant and ask to be moved.
- Remain calm. Follow the above instructions on reporting the incident after you land.
- You may be subject to additional screening at the airport. Allow plenty of time so that you do not miss your flight.
- If you are constantly subjected to additional screening, or prevented from flying, file a complaint with the DHS at [DHS.gov/trip](https://www.dhs.gov/trip). Report your complaint to CAIR-NY.

“THE NO-FLY LIST”

Inclusion on the no-fly list prevents individuals from flying at all. If you are able to board an airplane, even after extensive screening, you are not on the no-fly list. If you are prevented from travelling, call **CAIR-NY at 646-665-7599**

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