



# Immigration FAQ

## Frequently Asked Questions

The City of Brooklyn Park recognizes the wide spectrum of citizenship statuses that exist in the city, including individuals here legally through methods such as green cards, student and work visas, as well as undocumented individuals. We are proud to support and serve all residents regardless of citizenship status.

### **Is Brooklyn Park a sanctuary city?**

Not currently; The term "Sanctuary City" generally refers to cities who outright deny or otherwise limit their cooperation with federal agencies in enforcing immigration law. Becoming a Sanctuary City typically requires action from city leaders, such as the Brooklyn Park City Council.

### **Does BPPD participate in raids to take undocumented residents from their homes, schools, work, or other public spaces into custody?**

No; the BPPD does not participate with ICE or other federal agencies to detain undocumented residents. However, federal agencies may independently carry out these activities within the city. Furthermore, federal agencies may not always inform BPPD of their activities or plans. Lastly, BPPD may not obstruct federal agents in the course of their duties, even if the City of Brooklyn Park establishes sanctuary status.

### **If a person knows of an undocumented individual in the city and calls BPPD, will they detain the person and contact ICE or other federal agencies?**

No; BPPD only intervenes in serious incidents that can lead to arrest or jail. In most cases, being undocumented is a civil issue rather than a criminal issue.

### **If the Brooklyn Park Police Department (BPPD) knows a person is undocumented, do they share this information with ICE or other federal agencies?**

No; BPPD does not proactively share citizenship status with ICE and other federal agencies.

However, if an individual is arrested and booked into jail, there are mechanisms within the criminal justice system (such as fingerprinting), that may automatically inform ICE or other federal agencies of an individual's immigration status. Furthermore, ICE and other federal agencies can remove undocumented individuals from police custody into ICE custody (with a warrant signed by a judge).

### **If ICE or other federal agencies identify an undocumented person in the city, does BPPD detain and hold that person until federal agents arrive?**

No; BPPD does not honor detainer requests from ICE or other federal agencies. However, if such an order comes from a judge, BPPD must comply with that legal request.

**Civil violation example:** A person who has overstayed their VISA, or failed to maintain their updated Green Card status.

**Criminal violation example:** An individual who was undocumented, deported through ICE, and re-entered the country after deportation.



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## Community Resources



### Brooklyn Park Community Resources Tool

The City does not formally offer immigration assistance. We encourage undocumented residents to refer to our **Community Resources Tool** for a list of nonprofit organizations who assist in this area.



### Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid

Mid Minnesota Legal Aid offers civil legal aid at no cost to people in poverty and to people of any income level age 60 or older or living with disabilities.

[www.mylegalaid.org](http://www.mylegalaid.org)

1-877-696-6529



### Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM)

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM) is a nonprofit organization that provides free immigration legal representation to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota and North Dakota.

[www.ilcm.org](http://www.ilcm.org)

1-800-223-1368



### The Advocates for Human Rights

The mission of The Advocates for Human Rights is to implement international human rights standards to promote civil society and reinforce the rule of law.

[www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org](http://www.theadvocatesforhumanrights.org)

[hrights@advrights.org](mailto:hrights@advrights.org)

612-341-9845



### Delegation of Parental Authority (DOPA)

A Delegation of Parental Authority (DOPA) is a document that lets someone take care of your children when you can't, such as in of deportation or jail.

[www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/delegation-parental-authority-dopa](http://www.lawhelpmn.org/self-help-library/fact-sheet/delegation-parental-authority-dopa)

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