Under What Circumstances May Immigration Officers Enter Campus Property?

Immigration Officers may enter DePaul's campus property for a variety of reasons, including apprehending individuals, requesting information or records, conducting unannounced inspections of Form I-9 employment verification records, or performing administrative site visits related to visa compliance.

Whether Immigration Officers may enter a particular area of campus property depends on whether the space is considered public or nonpublic. Immigration Officers may enter public areas of DePaul, just like any member of the general public. Immigration Officers, however, may only access nonpublic or restricted areas with consent from an appropriate campus official or presentment of a judicial warrant.

What if an Immigration Officer Asks For Access to a Limited Access Area?

If an Immigration Officer asks for access to a limited access area, then you should:

1. Inform the officer that you are not authorized to grant access and that you must consult DePaul's Office of General Counsel and Public Safety before granting access.

2. Ask the officer to wait in the nearest common area.

3. Immediately call Public Safety at (773) 325-7777 (Lincoln Park) or (312) 362-8400 (Loop); and the General Counsel at (312) 362-8564.

4. If instructed to do so by the Office of General Counsel or Public Safety, ask the officer for their name, identification number, agency affiliation, and whether they have a warrant.

Under no circumstance should you physically block or directly interfere with their entry/enforcement action, or provide false information to an officer.

Who May Provide Consent for an Immigration Officer to Access Nonpublic Campus Spaces?

Only authorized officials may provide consent for Immigration Officers to enter nonpublic or restricted areas of campus in the absence of a judicial warrant. Frontline staff, faculty members, resident advisors, administrative staff and student workers do not have authority to provide consent for Immigration Officers to enter nonpublic campus spaces.

Because unauthorized consent may inadvertently waive legal protections, it is critical that all campus personnel immediately contact the OGC and/or Public Safety if an Immigration Officer requests access to nonpublic campus spaces. The OGC and/or Public Safety will identify and work with the appropriate officials to determine if consent is warranted.