

Unit 13 – Rights & Responsibilities *American Laws*

Some American Laws

Objectives	 By the end of this lesson, participants will be able to: List some basic laws in the United States. Discuss the types of activities/behaviors that could endanger their immigration status.
Time	20 – 30 minutes
Materials	Law picture set, category signs (Always Legal, Never Legal, Sometimes Legal) in appropriate language, <i>Welcome to America</i> DVD

Procedure

- Ask participants to sit in a circle and distribute one picture to each person.
- Ask participants to determine which law is depicted in the picture in their hands.
- Encourage participants to discuss with others or ask the trainer if they don't understand
 the picture. Tell them that they will be asked to stand up and talk about the law using
 their pictures.
- Moving around the circle, ask each participant to show their picture and explain to the rest of the class what they think is being depicted in the picture.
- Correct any mistakes and provide more detail as necessary.
- Show the Rights and Responsibilities segment of the Welcome to America DVD.

Variation

In place of the group discussion/individual presentation, ask the large group of participants to organize the photos into the following categories: Always Legal, Never Legal, and Sometimes Legal. Once complete, correct any mistakes and discuss the situations that could make certain activities sometimes legal and sometimes not.

Assessment

Ask participants to compare and contrast the laws they are used to with those of the U.S.