

What to do if you see immigration enforcement

Seeing ICE in our communities can be alarming, but remember: you have rights! Be prepared. Connect with trusted organizations to learn about your rights and how to support immigrant community members.

If you witness a raid or arrest:

Verify



- Are they actually immigration agents?
- Are there other law enforcement such as police or sheriffs present?
- Pay attention to their clothing and vehicles, and any words or symbols on them.

Document



- If you feel safe, take video or photos of what is happening.
 - You have the right to record law enforcement in public spaces, including immigration agents.
 - Note: you are generally not allowed to record inside a courthouse.
 - Focus on the agent(s) and what they are doing or saying.
 - Do not interfere with officers. Keep a safe distance from the scene. Do not put yourself or others at risk.
- You can also write down details of what happened:
 - What was the time, date, and location?
 - What type of agents and how many?
 - How were agents dressed? How did they identify themselves?
 - What did their vehicles look like?
 - When did they show up? When did they leave?
 - What did they say or do? Did they use coercion or violence?
 - Did anyone get detained or arrested?



Be safe

- Do not interfere with officers. Do not argue with them or physically resist them.
- Make sure others stay safe and know their rights.
- Have a legal support number or trusted contact's info in case anything happens.



After an incident has happened:

Evaluate



- Stop and think about your goals and risks before sharing anything or posting online.
- Seek advice from a trusted community group or attorney about how you can best protect yourself and those on camera.

Share



- When appropriate, share information about raids or other enforcement activity with your trusted networks.
- Make sure to only share verified information: something that you or someone else you trust witnessed. Remember: facts, not fear!

Support



- If someone is detained or arrested, work with trusted community groups to support their families and loved ones.
- Seek advice from a trusted immigration attorney.

Know Your Rights!

- You have the right to remain silent and not answer questions.
 - Say, “I want to remain silent” or “I don’t want to answer questions”
- You have the right to refuse searches.
 - Say, “I do not consent to a search”
- You do not have to give up passcodes to your digital devices.
 - Do not physically resist a search
- You have the right to record what is happening to you or others.
 - Do not interfere with officers
- You have the right to know if and why you are being detained or arrested.
 - Ask, “Am I free to go?” or “Why am I being detained?”
- You have the right to inform others of their rights.

Notes