



# DOCUMENTING ICE ACTIVITY: WHAT TO TRACK



Communities across the country are on high alert. You may hear about ICE sightings or arrests, but it may not be clear whether it was actually ICE.

This is by design. ICE intentionally uses tactics (like not identifying themselves or wearing clothes that look like local police) so that it may not be clear whether they are part of ICE.

If you witness ICE activity, try to document the following details so communities can better determine whether it was actually ICE, and if so, to understand what tactics they are using when they make arrests.





# ANYONE CAN DOCUMENT ICE ACTIVITY

Even if you don't know the people involved, raids can be documented by:

- ✳ Taking photos or videos
- ✳ Taking notes immediately after witnessing an encounter
- ✳ Saving communications from ICE agents (i.e. texts or voicemails)
- ✳ Interviewing other witnesses and writing down what they've seen
- ✳ Reviewing security camera footage



# WHAT HAPPENED?

Get the basic facts.

## When did it happen?

☒ Date and Time

## Where did it happen?

☒ Address, if possible

- Cross streets or nearby landmark
- What kind of location? (For example: a home, school, shelter, hospital, outdoor, etc.)

## How many officers were present?

☒ Number of officers

- Where were they? (For example: 2-3 officers entered the house while 5-6 waited on the street)





# WHAT HAPPENED?

Get more details about the officers present.

## How were the officers dressed, and what else did you see?







- ☐ Was anything visible that identified them as part of ICE, DHS, or Homeland Security Investigations?
- ☐ What color were their uniforms, if any?
- ☐ If they were wearing vests, bulletproof vests, or jackets, what did they say on them?
- ☐ Were there officers in different types of clothing?
- ☐ Were any of the officers carrying weapons?
- ☐ If there were vehicles, how many and what did they look like? What did they say on them?



# WHAT HAPPENED?

Additional helpful information to capture.

## Get clearer details

-  Was any conversation overheard between the officers and person who was stopped? What was said?
-  Was anyone arrested? If so, how many people?
-  Did you see anyone get fingerprinted?
-  Were people fingerprinted who weren't arrested?
-  Did you see officers take or receive any identification or documentation from people?
-  If someone was arrested, do you have their name or contact information of their loved ones?









# WHAT IF IT ISN'T CLEAR THAT IT WAS ICE?

Even with these details, it may not always be clear.

## What can you do?

-  Reach out first to family members of the person arrested to share what you saw. Let them decide if they want to share what happened publicly.
-  Contact your local elected officials' office with the details collected.
-  Contact your local immigrant rights group or community organizers with the details collected.
-  **Why?** They may be able to determine whether the tactics described are consistent with ICE practices on the ground, and/or have ideas of other agencies you can reach out to for more information.



# THINKING ABOUT SHARING WHAT YOU SAW OR HEARD ON SOCIAL MEDIA?

## SHARE RESPONSIBLY!




Reach out to local organizers, mutual aid groups, immigrant rights groups, and/or local elected officials.

Although it may seem like ICE, it's possible that it wasn't actually ICE and sharing or resharing the inaccurate information can cause more fear.





# IF YOU DECIDE TO SHARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

-  Take all the steps possible to verify the information before putting it out in public
-  Don't use the names or identifying information of the person arrested.
-  If you have photos or videos, blur the faces of anyone in the images. You don't accidentally want to share the information about the person arrested on the internet.



# REMINDERS

- ✱ It is legal to film ICE regardless of your immigration status.
- ✱ Make sure to film openly - some states have laws prohibiting secret recordings.
- ✱ Physically interfering or not complying with a direction to back up can put you in danger and risk your arrest.
- ✱ Even if an ICE agents tells you to stop recording, you can continue to do so as long as you do not interfere with the arrest.
- ✱ While there are only a few instances where ICE agents can take your phone, be aware that they may do so regardless of whether it is legal.







# BUILD POWER, NOT PANIC.

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