



# You hear about ICE activity — **NOW WHAT?**

Sharing accurate information is crucial to  
build power and curb panic.



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.





# WHO IS THE SOURCE?

Figuring out where the information is coming from can help you determine the reliability of what you've heard.

## **Did your source witness what happened?**

- ☐ If not, did they hear it from someone who did?
- ☐ If not, who is the actual information about the sighting/arrest coming from?

## **If they aren't a witness, do they know anyone who would have more information or know the family of the person impacted?**

- ☐ Have they spoken with the witness directly?
- ☐ Did the witness take photographs or video of what they saw?
- ☐ Has the incident been reported to a local immigrant rights organization or local elected officials?



# WHAT HAPPENED?

Crucial facts to have to verify the information.

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

Even when you get all the details, it may not always be clear whether it was ICE.

## What can you do?

-  **Contact your local elected officials' office with the details collected.**
-  **Reach out to your local immigrant rights group or community organizers with the details collected.**
  - They may be able to determine whether the tactics described are consistent with ICE practices on the ground.
  - They may have also 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 to share the reports.

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.



Many groups are doing rapid response or ICEwatch and may have an idea of the trends of local ICE practices - They may be able to confirm whether it was ICE or not.







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## If you witnessed the arrest

-  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.

## If you decide to share on social media

-  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.





# REMEMBER

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regardless of your  
immigration status.

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