

# IMMIGRATION RAIDS IN OUR COMMUNITIES

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

We all want to do whatever we can to make sure our communities are safe. While that used to mean safety from gun violence, domestic violence, or dangerous drugs, now a rogue, masked federal police force is terrorizing immigrants and entire communities. Scaring us is part of ICE's strategy, but we will not stop supporting our friends and neighbors – regardless of their immigration status. Here's how:

- **Talk to friends and family.** Immigration is a complex issue and we may not all agree on every aspect of policy. However, the vast majority of people agree that no one should be snatched off the street by masked agents and thrown into unmarked vans. Most people agree that community members shouldn't be harassed by aggressive law enforcement simply for observing them. Use these shared values to start a conversation.
- **Support Friends and Neighbors** Whose Families May Be Impacted by Immigration Enforcement. Make sure they have the resources they need to create a [family preparedness plan](#) in case of arrest.
- **Educate Yourself and Others.** Read up on [immigrant rights](#) and [share information](#) with those who may be impacted.
- **Donate to Local Organizations Supporting Immigrant Families.** The flood of new anti-immigrant policies and executive orders are stretching the resources of groups that support the rights of immigrants.



- **Make Sure Your School District Is Safe.** All children, regardless of immigration status have a constitutional right to public education in the U.S. (*Plyler vs. Doe*). Many school districts are setting up guidelines to protect students regardless of immigration status. Check the policies in your district and use this [guide](#) to advocate for Safe Schools in your community.

## STAY SAFE AND KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

The First Amendment protects your right to peacefully assemble. The narrow scope of ICE's authority should limit their interaction with you. Increasingly, these are not guarantees of safety. Here's how to protect yourself and others when protesting or observing ICE in your community.

- **Read and share information.** The Democracy Security Project has resources on [protests](#), [ICE](#), and [event safety](#). Also, be sure to check any local ordinances regarding protests such as if permits are required.
- **Document what you see,** especially if you think your rights have been violated. If they're available, write down badge and car numbers, get witnesses' contact information, and photograph any injuries.
- **Use the buddy system** and stay with at least one other person at a protest.
- **If you're detained** at a protest, immediately ask for a lawyer and remain silent until one has been provided.

