

What to Do About ICE

Harassment and deportations are the result of choices, policies, and systems.



Learn about concrete actions you can take as part of our team and on your own to push back, keep neighbors safer, and build power together.

It's Blue Turn

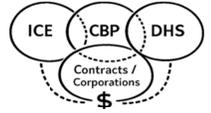
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"ICE" Is Bigger Than Just ICE

When people say "ICE," they often mean the whole deportation machine, not just one agency.

- **ICE** (Immigration and Customs Enforcement): most interior enforcement and detention
- **CBP** (Customs and Border Protection): meant to patrol borders and ports of entry, but often operates far inland
- Both sit inside **DHS** (Department of Homeland Security), often work with local police / sheriffs through information-sharing and contracts
- **Private prison and surveillance** corporations: profit by running detention centers, ankle monitors, and data systems



A raid, traffic stop, or workplace sweep may involve any mix of these. Our response has to be aimed at the whole system.

Know Your Rights Around ICE

Not legal advice; laws vary by state.

- You can stay **silent**; no need to answer questions about birthplace, status, or how you entered the US
- Usually you **don't have to open** the door unless officers show a **judicial warrant** with your name and address, signed by a judge; ICE administrative forms like "I-200" or "I-205" are not enough
- You can say: "I **do not consent** to a search"
- **Don't sign** anything you don't understand, especially "voluntary departure"
- Everyone in the U.S., regardless of status, has **rights**; learn them from trusted immigrant-rights groups and keep a *Know Your Rights* card handy. Practice with family, housemates, coworkers, and congregation **before there's a crisis**.



Equip Your Community: Info & Preparedness

What you can do before ICE shows up:

- Share **Know Your Rights** materials in the languages your neighbors speak in churches, mosques, temples, schools, WhatsApp chats, and day labor corners • Help families create emergency plans: trusted contacts, who will pick up kids, how to access medications, and where important documents will be stored
- Connect people to legal help ahead of time: local immigrant-rights groups, worker centers, legal clinics that specialize in deportation defense
- Put together simple "anti-ICE kits" for your neighborhood: Know Your Rights cards, hotline numbers, whistles and instructions, and info on how to report ICE sightings safely



Train & Mobilize



- Join a **Rapid Response Network** (RRN) in your area. These networks train volunteers to answer hotlines and verify reports, show up as legal observers to document what's happening, and provide emotional support and practical help to families
- Canvass **local businesses** to offer 'Employees Only' signs and rights information so they can decide how best to protect their staff and customers
- Start or join **solidarity patrols** led by immigrant and worker organizations (like local day labor centers and NDLON). They accompany workers, watch for harassment, and connect people to hotlines and legal help

Change the Rules, Cut Off the Money

The system runs on laws, contracts, and data. **Change the rules -- lobby for laws to:**

- Stop sharing jail, school, and DMV data with immigration enforcement
- Phase out private detention contracts
- Limit agents' weapons (guns, tear gas) and require judicial warrants for searches
- Ban stops and arrests based on how someone looks



Cut off the money:

1. Pressure hotels, airlines, prisons, and tech firms to drop ICE contracts through op-eds, public campaigns, and divestment
2. Fight license-plate readers and Flock cameras; demand your city block data-sharing with federal immigration agencies or stop using these tools

If You See ICE, a Raid, or Someone Being Detained

If you witness an ICE, DHS, CBP, or joint operation: **document and connect**. Only take action if it seems **safe** and you are not interfering with officers. Call your local Rapid Response Network hotline to report. From a distance, record videos, take pictures, and note details. If possible, politely ask the detained person for their **full name and date of birth**. Ask if there's a loved one you can contact.



CALL (408) 290-1144
Santa Clara County

As an observer, you generally **have the right** to watch and record in public spaces. **Do not post** on social media. **Train with RRN** so you understand your rights, local laws, and how to be safe and effective.

Filming Safely & Smartly

1. **Keep your distance**. Stay out of officers' way, don't touch them or their vehicles, and obey lawful orders. Film yourself complying with orders.
2. **Film the whole scene**, not just faces: badges, vehicles, equipment, time, location, and what officers do. Avoid close-ups of bystanders or people being detained unless they ask you to.
3. To capture more, **film horizontally** rather than vertically. **Narrate** as you record.
4. **Back up** video fast (cloud, trusted friend, encrypted app, another device) so it's safe even if your phone is taken.

