

Know Your Rights

Protecting Ourselves and Our Neighbors

Knowing our rights is an important first step. But knowing our rights without exercising them doesn't work. We need to be connected with our friends, neighbors, organizations, churches, AGs, or local committees. That's what it means to organize with your family and friends, your neighbors, or your coworkers.



Here's a clear, practical breakdown of common formal "Know Your Rights" (KYR) protocols that grassroots and community-based organizations use when ICE or other immigration enforcement approaches neighbors, homes, or workplaces. This is written in an organizing/rapid-response lens, not legal advice, and stays within what's broadly taught nationwide.



Core Principles

Most KYR protocols are built around:

- Do no harm – avoid escalation, misinformation, or panic
- Know the laws – ICE's authority is limited without consent or a proper warrant
- Silence is protection – people are not required to answer questions
- Documentation over confrontation – observe and record, don't interfere
- Collective response – neighbors are safer together than alone

If ICE Approaches a Home

- Do not open the door unless ICE shows a judicial warrant signed by a judge
- Administrative ICE warrants (I-200 / I-205) **do NOT authorize entry**

Ask them to:

- Slide the warrant under the door
- Or hold it up to a window/camera

If no judicial warrant:

- Say clearly: "I do not consent to entry."

Residents are advised:

- Not to answer questions about immigration status
- Not to provide documents
- Not to sign anything without a lawyer

**NO ICE AGENTS
ALLOWED
ON PROPERTY**
The Management



UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
for the _____	
United States of America v. Defendant	)) Case No.)))
ARREST WARRANT	
To: Any authorized law enforcement officer	
YOU ARE COMMANDED to arrest and bring before a United States magistrate judge without unnecessary delay (name of person to be arrested) who is accused of an offense or violation based on the following document filed with the court: ☒ Indictment ☒ Superseding Indictment ☒ Information ☒ Superseding Information ☒ Complaint ☒ Probation Violation Petition ☒ Supervised Release Violation Petition ☒ Violation Notice ☒ Order of the Court	
This offense is briefly described as follows:	
Date: _____	_____ Issuing officer's signature
City and state: _____	_____ Printed name and title
Return	
This warrant was received on (date) _____, and the person was arrested on (date) _____ at (city and state) _____.	
Date: _____	_____ Arresting officer's signature
	_____ Printed name and title

PROPERTY.

**IT MUST HAVE A
SIGNATURE FROM A
JUDGE OR
MAGISTRATE.**

U.S. Department of Justice
Immigration and Naturalization Service

Warrant of Removal/Deportation

File No: _____

Date: _____

To any officer of the United States Immigration and Naturalization Service:

(Full name of alien)

who entered the United States at _____ on _____
(Place of entry) (Date of entry)

is subject to removal/deportation from the United States, based upon a final order by:

☐ an Immigration Judge in exclusion, deportation, or removal proceedings
☐ a district director or a district director's designated official
☐ the Board of Immigration Appeals
☐ a United States District or Magistrate Court Judge

and pursuant to the following provisions of the Immigration and Nationality Act:
Section 241(a)(5) of the Immigration and Nationality Act(Act), as amended.

I, the undersigned officer of the United States, by virtue of the power and authority vested in the Attorney General under the laws of the United States and by his or her direction, command you to take into custody and remove from the United States the above-named alien, pursuant to law, at the expense of the appropriation. "Salaries and Expenses Immigration and Naturalization Service 2002," including the expense of an attendant if necessary.

(Signature of INS officer)

(Print name and title)

(Date and office location)

**THIS IS A WARRANT OF
REMOVAL FROM AN
IMMIGRATION OFFICER.
THIS IS NOT A SEARCH
WARRANT.**

**THIS ORDER DOES NOT
ALLOW ICE TO LAWFULLY
SEARCH YOUR HOUSE, CAR,
BODY, OR PRIVATE
PROPERTY.
BUT WITH THIS WARRANT,
ICE CAN STILL ARREST YOU
IN PUBLIC PLACES LIKE
PARKING LOTS,
SIDEWALKS, OR OUTSIDE
YOUR HOME.**

Why De-Escalation Matters

Escalation increases risk for everyone

- ICE agents often interpret the following as a threat:
 - Raised voices
 - Physical interference
 - Crowding or blocking
- Escalation can lead to:
 - Arrests of bystanders
 - Charges against undocumented and documented people
 - Loss of legal defenses later
 - Physical harm, detainment, loss of life





- Visual signs for ICE presence (when to whistle and when not to)
- Speak calmly and slowly
- Use neutral language
- Keep physical distance (door/window stays closed)
- Follow instructions without volunteering information
- Avoid shouting directions to the person ICE is questioning
- Ask for the name of a person being detained / ask them for emergency contact info for a family member (record if you can do so safely) to ensure accuracy of the information

Realistic Risk Assessment

THESE ACTIONS MAY INCREASE YOUR RISK OF HARM OR ARREST

These actions increase danger

- ✗ Physically blocking agents
- ✗ Touching agents or their vehicles
- ✗ Yelling commands at individual being detained
- ✗ Filming in a way that interferes with movement



Respect a diversity of response tactics (D-Poop)

Rapid Response / Patrol / VO Support



Role of Rapid Response / Witness Teams

What you can do

- Warn neighbors of ICE presence (tell your neighbors (set up an alert chat, join a RR group, use whistles, visual signs, agree on other methods of alerting))
- Record video from a safe distance
- Note:
 - Time, location
 - Agent behavior
 - Badge numbers if visible / license plates / vehicle description etc.
- Maintain a calm, grounding presence
- Call the hotlines
- Contact family/friends of detained individual

Community Mobilization



Get to know your neighbors, share a meal, a porch visit, identify vulnerable neighbors, distribute whistles and signs, have conversations / check-ins regularly

Always follow S.A.L.U.T.E. when sharing community alerts.

S. Size/Strength (2-3 ICE Agents)

A. Actions/Activity (harrassing a restaurant employee}

L. Location/Direction of movement

U. Uniform/Clothes

T. Time & Date

E. Equipment & Weapons

Reporting ICe Activity

- WA Immigrant Solidarity Network (WAISN) **Reporting Hotline 1-844-RAID-REP (1-844-724-3737)** The hotline runs 7 days a week, from 6AM to 9PM, and will allow people to report when loved ones or friends have been detained by immigration agents or other instances of problematic behavior conducted by immigration officials in Washington. Website: <https://waisn.org>
- WAISN Text-message Alert System Text-Message Alert System, Text "ICE" or "Migra" to 509-300-4959 Sends out SMS text notifications about ICE activity in Washington.
- Report the activity on Citizen, Nextdoor, any Ice alert groups, RR groups
- RR in person meetings
- JCIRA Rapid Response Team Hotlie: 360-531-2958 | Call to report any ICE or CBP in or near Jefferson County - RRT members will respond

Q & A





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Know Your Rights Printable Flyers

Explains who is at risk of an ICE arrest and your rights when interacting with ICE officers. Available in 16 languages. Criminal [Immigration Helpline](#)
([leave a message](#)) (212) 725-6422

Website: www.immigrantdefenseproject.org

Immigrant Safety Plan for Youth and Children

For families who are facing potential detainment or deportation of parents with children (children with or without status). **[Link to Guide](#)** also in French, Arabic, Amharic, Mam, Spanish, Tingrinya **Website:** <https://lcycwa.org/isp>