

Showing Up For Immigrant Communities

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Turning the care we have for each other into simple, creative, effective action.

5D	In your Community	During an interaction with ICE
Distract	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Start a conversation ● Ask a question ● Pretend to know them ● Create a commotion ● Online: Change the topic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Encourage others to gather around at a safe distance to observe and bear witness ● If the person appears confused, calmly provide information to the person: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “You don’t have to answer their questions.” ○ “You have the right to remain silent.” ○ Consider using your phone to translate to them ● <i>Important Tip: Do not physically interfere.</i>
Delegate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ask the person next to you ● Rally others close to you ● Ask a person in authority ● Call police by permission only ● Online: Report to the platform 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Call an immigration legal defense hotline. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National Immigration Law Center: (213) 639-3900 ○ National Network for Immigrants and Refugee Rights regional list of hotlines ● Alert local immigrant rights groups—many have rapid response teams to intervene. ● Notify lawyers or legal observers in the area who may be able to assist. ● <i>Important Tip: Do NOT call the police—many local law enforcement agencies collaborate with ICE. Instead, contact immigration legal organizations.</i>
Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Try filming undercover (check local recording laws) ● Give it to the person who experienced the harassment ● Online: Screenshot instances of harassment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Record from a safe distance—ICE cannot legally force you to stop recording in public. ● Clearly state the time, location, and # of agents in the video. ● If agents do not have a warrant, record them refusing to show it. ● Say out loud: “I am recording to document any potential violations of rights.” ● If safe, get witness contact information in case legal action is needed. ● <i>Important Tip: Do not interfere physically, but continue recording.</i>

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Delay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As little as a ‘knowing glance’ reduces trauma • Let them know you saw it too • Ask: What can I do for you? • Online: Send them uplifting messages or resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If someone is detained, offer to call their family or lawyer. • Share hotline numbers and local rapid response team contacts with the person’s family members.
Direct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Say things like: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Stop doing that. That is not ok. ○ What you are doing is making them/me uncomfortable ○ What did you mean by that comment/joke? • Be firm. Be clear. Be final. • Online: be mindful of safety threats like doxxing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If ICE does not have a warrant, say: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “They are not legally required to answer your questions.” ○ “You need a judicial warrant to enter private property.” • Encourage the person being questioned to remain silent and request a lawyer. • <i>Important Tip: Do not physically interfere, but make it clear you are watching and will report rights violations.</i>

In the spirit of allyship in this moment of harm that immigrant communities face, Right To Be has compiled the resources and guides below for allies, families, organizations, and people needing vital legal resources. We are thankful for everyone who [donates to support this work](#).

- [ACLU - Know Your Rights](#) (Immigrants, Protester, Voters, during encounters with Law Enforcement and Military)
- [WITNESS - How To Document ICE](#)
- [Immigrant Defense Project - Request Legal Advice](#)
- [Immigrant Defense Project - Know Your Rights with ICE](#)
- [National Immigrant Justice Center](#)
- [Immigrant Legal Resource Center](#)
- [Global Refuge](#)
- [We Have Rights - Video and Emergency Plans in Español Français عربي 中文 Kreyòl Ayisyen Русский اردو](#)
- [STEP-BY-STEP FAMILY PREPAREDNESS PLAN](#)

Next steps: Find your local community rapid response numbers and organizations.
