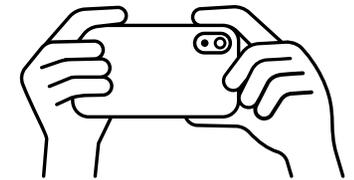


- Our role is to remain peaceful, observe and avoid escalation.
  - Keep your distance.
  - Do not physically get in between ICE and the affected community members.
  - Don't yell at ICE, throw things, or touch them/their vehicles.
  - Your actions can result in harm towards the affected community member or other bystanders.
- Bystanders can play a key role by recording and reporting ICE activity.
- Recording ICE carries risk. If you need help assessing your individual risk, consider consulting an attorney.
- \*\*If you feel unsafe recording, you can also take notes by pen & paper to report later.\*\*

## SHOWING UP FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

# NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS

A BYSTANDER GUIDE FOR ALLIES



This is not intended to be legal advice. Assess your own risk prior to engaging in bystander activity.



In reaching out to our immigrant community, we learned that they do not want us to use whistles in this region to notify of ICE presence. Whistles can:

- Escalate tensions.
- Create confusion.
- Make it harder to capture information.
- Trigger panic or trauma responses. (Some community members are from countries where whistles are used as a tool of oppression.)

Our top priority is the safety and care of the affected community member. Please respect the community need for de-escalation strategies.

## WHY WE DON'T USE WHISTLES IN THE DMV

## DMV HOTLINES

Call and text both hotlines to report ICE activity.

Organization	Region	Phone Number
Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid (MSMA)	DC Maryland Virginia	(202) 335-1183
CASA	Maryland Virginia	(888) 214-6016

## TRAINING

A Neighbors Helping Neighbors video guide accompanies this zine:



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\*\*NOTE: it is illegal to impede ICE or other law enforcement activities.\*\*

- Obtain the affected community member's name and birthday to locate them in detention and an emergency contact's phone number to notify their loved ones.
- Inform DMV hotlines ASAP. Document rights violations.

## WHY WE RECORD AND REPORT ICE

- You have the right to record ICE agents in public. Stay on public property. If asked to move, do so while saying "I am moving back but continuing to record as it is my 1<sup>st</sup> amendment right to do so."
- If you are questioned further, you have the right to remain silent: "I assert my right to remain silent." If ICE asks for or tries to take your phone, do not resist: "I don't consent to giving you my phone and I don't consent to a search."

## BYSTANDER RIGHTS



## RECORDING TIPS

### BE PREPARED

- Save the DMV hotlines in your phone.
- Set your phone to backup.
- Turn off biometrics (face recognition, fingerprint).
- Use passcodes/passwords to protect your phone. Passcodes are legally protected. Biometrics are not.

### WHILE RECORDING

#### DO:

- Remain peaceful and calm.
- If you see an active detention, ask the affected community member's name, birthday and emergency contact. (see script on back).
- Take notes with pen & paper if you feel unsafe recording.
- Record from a safe distance holding the phone in landscape with both hands and close to your chest for stability.

#### DO cont'd

- Start recording at the beginning of the encounter all the way through - don't stop and start the video.
- Focus on the ICE agents and not the community members.

#### DON'T

- NEVER livestream, post unverified sightings, or give photos to the press.
- Don't hide that you are recording or make sudden movements.
- Don't narrate or shout during the recording (makes it harder to capture details).
- Don't alter the recording!

#### AFTERWARDS

- Use SALUTE (see back page) to document specific details of the encounter.
- Call or text the DMV hotlines immediately to report the encounter!

## IF YOU SEE AN ACTIVE DETENTION TAKING PLACE

- If you see a detention taking place, try to get the affected community member's name, birthday and emergency contact.
- If they ask you to stop recording, stop!
- If you cannot get their name, after the action look for their car license plate or any employer information to help with identification.

### ENGLISH

*SAY:* "I'm recording because I am concerned for your safety. Can I contact someone for you?"

### *ASK:*

- "What's your first and last name?"
- "What's the number of someone I can contact for you?"

### SPANISH

*DI:* "Estoy grabando porque me preocupa tu seguridad. Podria contactar a alguien para ti?"

### *PREGUNTA:*

- "¿Cuál es tu nombre y apellido?"
- "¿Cuál es el número de alguien con quien pueda comunicarme por usted?"

## HOW TO DOCUMENT ICE ACTIVITY USING SALUTE



- Generate a SALUTE form here or using the QR code below: [salute.kyr.digital/en](https://salute.kyr.digital/en)
- Use "SALUTE" to collect clear and verifiable information.

### SALUTE

- Size How many agents/vehicles?
- Activity What actions are they taking?
- Location Address, intersection or landmark
- Uniform What letters/patches/badges are visible? Masked? Plainclothes?
- Time When did you witness this?
- Equipment What do they have with them? Document vehicle details, especially plates.



## AFTER ACTION CARE

After ICE action, there may be loved ones or community members left behind that we can connect to community organizations that provide support. See "Resources" to the right.

## COMMUNITY CARE



There are many other ways to support our neighbors. See the groups in "Resources" below to help with things like:

- Legal support and bond funds. Commissary and phone call fund for the affected community member.
- Fundraising for affected families.
- Assistance with food, clothing, housing and utilities.
- Translation support.
- Childcare or rides for community members attending hearings.
- Accompaniment to legal appointments (DMV Accompaniment Network or, DAN)

## RESOURCES

- We of Action - see website for the accompanying training video and other ways to get involved: <https://wofava.org/>
- Know Your Rights red cards: <https://www.ilrc.org/redcards>

## LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

There are many wonderful organizations in the DMV providing community support and advocacy. Here are just a few - more can be found in the DMV Immigrant Resource Guide.

- La Colectiva (Northern Virginia): <https://lacolectiva.org/>
- Montgomery County Immigrant Rights Collective: [https://linktr.ee/moco\\_irc](https://linktr.ee/moco_irc)
- DC Migrant Solidarity Mutual Aid: <https://www.dcmigrantmutualaid.org/>
- DMV Immigrant Resource Guide: <https://migrant-resources-dmv.my.canva.site/english>

## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

- Print out more zines here: <https://wofava.org/> (Print at 100%)
- Gather your neighbors to fold and distribute more zines to family and friends. Start a chat in an encrypted messaging app to notify each other of verified ICE sightings.