



WHAT DO WE DO NOW?
Understanding the Origins of Extremism
WEBINAR RESOURCES
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MINNESOTA RESOURCES

- [MONARCA -Unidos MN](#) - trains legal observers
- [Solidare's Movement Protection Fund](#) - mutual aid
- [Movement Voter Project \(Minnesota Rapid Response\)](#)
- [StandWithMinnesota.com](#) -mutual aid
- [COPALmn](#) -legal support
- [Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota](#) - legal support
- [Know Your Rights- Unidos](#)
 - Card to put under the door - "I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution. I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door. I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights."
- [Immigrant Rapid Response Fund](#) (Women's Foundation of Minnesota)
- [Immigrant Movement Minnesota](#)
- [Immigrant Defense Network](#)
- [Inquilinxs Unidxs Por Justicia](#)
- [CAIR Minnesota](#)
- [Minnesota Immigrants Rights Committee](#) - Education Fund

- [Full list of Minneapolis Mutual Aid Organizations](#), including food, car rides, diapers, clothing, other assistance
- [Star Tribune article \(1/10/26\)- Your Rights with ICE](#)
- [MplsStPaul Magazine Overview of Mutual Aid Efforts \(1/12/26\)](#)

NATIONAL RESOURCES

- 202-224-3121 (Congressional Switchboard)
- [ACLU](#)
- [National Lawyers Guild](#)
- [Democracy Forward](#)
- [Unidos US](#)
- [5 Calls](#)

LOCAL ACTIONS

Local Immigrant Relief Funds

- [Bienvenidos](#) Gallatin Valley - support group for recent immigrants to Montana
- [SouthNorthNexus](#) - Immigrant Legal Fund
- [ACLU of Montana](#) -Immigrant Rights Program
- Immigrant Rights Attorneys here in Montana:
 - [Andrea Sweeney](#) with Kolko & Casey, P.C.,
 - [Ashley Melwani](#) with the International Rescue Committee

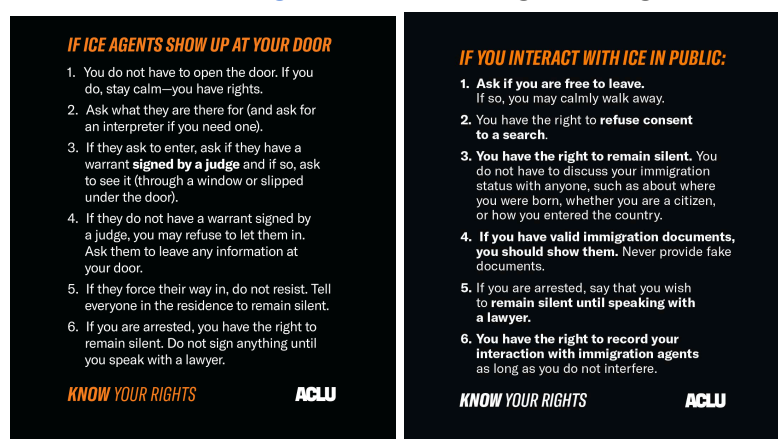
Other actions:

- Get to know your neighbors.
- Know where your essential ID documents are.
- Keep your phone charged.
- Speak up in person, on social media, at community gatherings.
- Remember your individual actions and conversations can help change the culture.
- Start talking about accountability and using the word “complicit.”
- Call your members of Congress.

- Donate to food banks, warming centers, immigrant relief organizations, and legal organizations.
- Have your [“go kit”](#) ready.
- Memorize family and friends cell phone numbers.
- Journal current events, news headlines, and calls to elected to preserve the historic record.

YOUR RIGHTS

[ACLU Know Your Rights Cards](#) - Immigrants Rights



[ACLU Know Your Rights- Protests](#)

[ACLU Know Your Rights -TSA](#) & Leaving & Entering the Country

1. You have a right to film ICE agents, but keep your distance.
2. No one can enter your home without a warrant signed by a judge.
3. Immigrants who are undocumented are not “criminals.” It is a civil offense.

BOOKS, PODCASTS & JOURNALISTS

- [On Tyranny](#) by Timothy Synder
- [Strict Scrutiny Podcast](#)
- [Minnesota Public Radio](#)
- [Heather Cox Richardson](#) -clarity, persistence, and memory matter more than outrage

- [The Bulwark](#)
- [Aaron Rugar](#)
- [Philip Lewis](#) (Deputy Editor Huff Post)
- [Rep. Jasmine Crockett](#)
- [Rep. Melanie Stansbury](#)
- [KARE 11](#)
- [Sen. Ruben Gallego](#)
- [Lobizona](#) - Book for teens/young adults from the perspective of the child of an immigrant, a look for younger readers at how ICE and immigration policies effect families

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

FAQ - not legal advice, but helpful excerpts from Star Tribune 1/10/26 Article by reporters [Rachel Hutton](#) and [Alex Chhith](#)

Does ICE need a warrant to arrest someone?

No, agents do not need judicial warrants to make arrests. ICE says agents can “initiate consensual encounters” to speak with people and briefly detain or arrest those they believe are not legally authorized to be in the U.S.

Does ICE need a warrant to enter a home or business?

Yes, to be allowed inside a home or private areas of a business, ICE must have a warrant signed by a judge with the correct name and address on it, says the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. It must be a judicial warrant, not an administrative warrant, which is issued by a noncourt agency, COPAL says. The organization recommends telling agents to slip the warrant under the door instead of opening it if ICE show up to a home.

According to guidelines from the Minnesota Attorney General’s Office, ICE can enter public areas such as a lobby, hospital waiting room or church sanctuary. Private areas, such as an employee break room or patient room can be marked private rendering them inaccessible to ICE without a court-issued warrant or subpoena. You do not have to tell ICE agents whether a specific person is on the premises.

What should I do if I am approached by ICE?

Start with a question, says Tracy Roy, legal director of the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota. “We recommend that folks ask, ‘Am I under arrest or am I free to leave?’” Roy says. If you are not being arrested, you may leave. The [Minnesota American Civil Liberties Union](#) (ACLU) recommends that anyone stopped by ICE should not run, argue, resist or obstruct agents.

If you are an observer, COPAL suggests verbally identifying yourself as one.

Should I carry immigration documents?

The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota recommends carrying immigration or citizenship documents, such as a passport or green card. Your documents can show agents that they do not have reason to detain you, Roy said.

Do I have to answer ICE’s questions?

No. You have the right to remain silent and do not have to share information about where you were born or how you entered the U.S., per the [National Immigration Law Center](#). You have the right to speak with a lawyer and do not have to sign documents without their counsel.

Can I document an ICE encounter?

Yes. [Federal courts have ruled](#) that the First Amendment protects the right to record law enforcement in public spaces.

[COPAL](#) recommends observers stay a safe distance from agents — **about 8 feet** — and avoid any physical contact. Video and photo recordings are best, but written recordings and witnessing an event can be used in legal proceedings, according to the group. If an agent tells people to stand back, COPAL recommends observers point their camera at their feet and record them taking steps back.

While recording ICE is within the public’s First Amendment rights, the DHS says posting videos and photos of agents online is harassment that threatens their safety. It is illegal to obstruct or otherwise interfere with ICE arrests, and the DHS reports that its officers have seen a significant increase in assaults on agents and vehicles.

What is a legal observer?

According to the ACLU, legal observers are trained volunteers who attend demonstrations to collect evidence and serve as independent witnesses. They document interactions between police and protesters, including arrests, use of force and other official conduct, to ensure there is a factual record if allegations of misconduct arise.

The documentation gathered by legal observers can be used by attorneys, journalists or courts to evaluate what happened during a demonstration.

What should observers look for?

COPAL recommends that people document:

- Language used by the officers.
- Physical force.
- Number of officers and any identification derived from their uniforms and badges, like the agency they work for and their names.
- The vehicles, including the license plates and, if they are marked, the agency on it.
- Whether people are being questioned or detained.
- Answers by agents to questions.
- Use of excessive force.

What should I do with the recording?

Observers can call COPAL's hotline at 612-255-3112. COPAL works with a network of human rights groups and will work on identifying the person in the video and how best to advocate for them, said Ryan Perez, director of COPAL.

COPAL advises against posting incidents to social media to avoid potential harassment aimed at the observer and the person who was arrested.

Can I follow ICE vehicles or blow whistles at agents?

"Bystanders certainly can make noise, blow whistles and alert presence," Roy says.

"What they're not legally allowed to do would be physically intervene, stop an arrest or potentially obstruct justice."