



**A Brief Guide for Sharing Reports of Raids on Social Media
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Context

Immigration raids are happening across the country. It is important to responsibly report and share verified information so that we can be organized and help communities best protect themselves. Misinformation are harmful to communities, amplify fear and strain limited resources.

Common Types of Law Enforcement Activity (And how long such activity usually lasts)

- **Police Activity:** Local police regularly engage in abusive policing which can put immigrants at risk of detentions and deportations (Usually ongoing)
Checkpoints or Stops: Regular police, ICE, CBP, or DHS asking for immigration papers or targeting immigrants on roads, transit points, outside of schools, etc. (May last for many hours)
- **Immigration Arrests:** When ICE/CBP/DHS is searching for a particular individual at their home or workplace; They can and will arrest other immigrants they encounter in the same area (Often lasts less than an hour)
- **Immigration Raids:** ICE/CBP/DHS officers swarming a neighborhood, workplace, event or public space and arresting large numbers of immigrants (May last couple of hours)

<p>If you witness an immigration raid, arrest or related activity:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Take a picture or a video (not the people being targeted) while ensuring your safety and safety of others around you. 2. Take note exact date, time & location 3. Take note of the type of law enforcement agency, vehicles and activities. 4. Share on social media with the above details 	<p>If it is not a first-hand report :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do not share it publicly on social media if it is not verified (i.e. not from someone who witnessed it) 2. Reach out directly to organizations or in area who are trained to go out, document and verify the report 3. If you know directly affected people in the area, notify them to be aware of the possibility of ICE/CBP/DHS/police in the area. Clarify that the report is unverified. Be prepared to provide emotional support. 4. If you see others sharing unverified reports, refer them to these guidelines.
<p>If a report is verified:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prioritize notifying directly affected people you who know in that area. Be prepared to provide emotional support. 2. Connect people to organizations that they can join for community-based defense. 3. Notify Legal Aid Society hotline: 844-955-3425 4. Share appropriate Know Your Rights materials 	<p>How to support verification efforts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Directly share them so people know the original source of reports to trace, confirm, correct, or retract; and to minimize those intentionally spreading misinformation. 2. Do not screenshot other people’s reports 3. Do not copy and paste reports

What are dangers of unverified reporting?

1. Trust is broken between affected communities, organizations and well-intentioned bystanders.
2. People’s existing fears and traumas are further amplified. This results in further isolation of marginalized communities and prevent clear, rational thinking.
3. Spreads fear and paranoia in targeted communities, without offering any actual safety: People stop going to work, sending their children to school, or leaving their homes.
4. Rather than having an organized and discipline anti-raids response, we end up not being able to allocate resources towards having an effective community defense.

ICE – Immigration & Customs Enforcement
 CBP – Customs & Border Patrol
 DHS – Department of Homeland Security