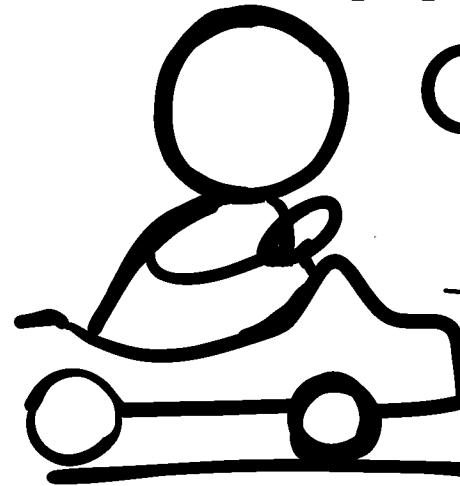
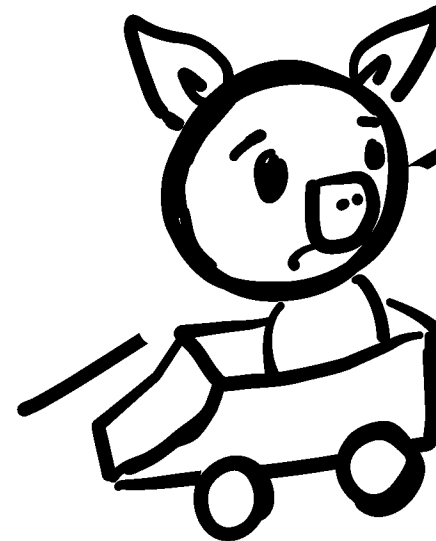


MOVE ICE, GET OUT THE BAY



Regular people's guide
to protecting your neighbors
by following ICE vehicles



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The ICE officer said I am not being detained, but asked me for my ID. Or, they asked me to step out of the car. Or, something else. Should I? Things to consider and discuss with your crew:

Will complying make it less likely for me to be detained or attacked? No way of knowing for sure. We have seen fascists come down hard on even the most compliant. Consider the officers' demeanor, your own positionality and what you're ready to risk.

Would complying just make it easier for them to do fascism? Asserting my rights could potentially make it easier to defend myself in a criminal case, or build a stronger civil suit, especially if they're acting outside their authority.

Does this put me at risk of being criminalized?

It is legal to follow and observe government employees. An officer can say and do what they would like to create a charge against you - however, there are legal resources available to help you fight these state attempts to scare and silence you. Engaging in purely legal activity may protect you from a conviction, but it will not protect you from getting charged.

You can be charged with interfering with government employees' official duties or harassment/intimidation.

The fascist state can and does use charges and arrests as an intimidation tactic by levying charges that have no evidence to support them. In many cases these trumped-up charges get dropped or do not appear on a record.

All other daily legal risks apply here, including traffic laws and possession of illegal items. The increased risk is having the fascist state adding to or going out of their way to pursue any existing chargeable items by virtue of you lawfully following ICE.

RIGHTS AND RISKS

If ICE approaches you, **RECORD THE INTERACTION IF POSSIBLE.**

The Law says you have rights when interacting with officers.

Unsurprisingly, fascists don't always follow The Law.

Knowing and asserting your rights won't necessarily protect you from their fuckery.

But, thinking through what your rights are can help you feel confident in asserting them, which could help in a legal case.

4th AMENDMENT

protects against unreasonable search and seizure.

Am I free to go?

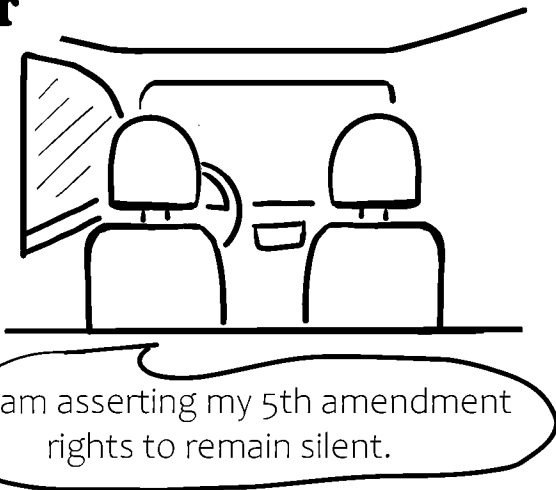
If not, ask

Why am I being detained?

I do not consent to a search of my car.

I do not consent to you searching my belongings, or going through my pockets.

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5TH AMENDMENT

protects against self-incrimination

Stay silent and refuse to answer any questions

If there is a break and then the officer tries to speak with you again, reassert that you are using your 5th amendment rights.

Hey, you! Yes, you.



YOU are someone who can counter state violence by following ICE vehicles.

Things are **bad**. The government is kidnapping and killing people.

It is going to get worse.

We see in Minneapolis, and every place fighting fascism, that **average people** taking **direct action** can hinder and stop state terror.

Following ICE is a concrete way to make it harder for them to enact violence.

This guide is a launching point for you to feel comfortable

- a) responding to an ICE sighting
- b) doing ICE watch patrol

This guide is for you even if you don't have a car.

Cars need passengers.

ICE followers need offsite support.

The Resistance needs YOU.

STEPS YOU CAN TAKE RIGHT NOW T



Use Signal



- Choose username and profile picture not easily linked to you
- Disable access to phone number
- Turn on disappearing messages
- Disable notifications preview

Disable location services



extra credit:
secondary burner phone
pixel 8+, Graphene
recommended

Download VPN

good, free options:
Proton VPN
RiseUpVPN



more tips at:
activistchecklist.org/ice

Replace fingerprint
and facial ID with
8+ digit passcode



good things to pack:

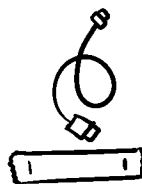


whistle/megaphone
to activate the
community

mask/sunglasses
beat ICE's facial
recognition app



squirt-top water bottles
can be used to flush eyes
extra-credit: individual
first-aid kit + goggles



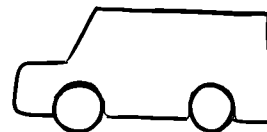
phone charger, snacks

Removing things that could
result in arrest if pulled over
e. g. weapons, drugs
(including weed), etc.

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DISPATCH

- **Create and admin Signal chats.**
In addition to "Active Follow" and "Updates" chats, create an "Observation" chat with observers and initial followers.
- **Log information sent by observers**
- **Start a call in the "Active Follow" chat**
as soon as watch starts, and relay information from "Observation" chat verbally to followers
- **Help followers make decisions** (see below)
- **Send log to admins of East Bay Plates or SF Plates**



FOLLOWERS

Position your car where you can follow any vehicle exiting the facility, whichever way it turns. Notice one-way streets.

Wait, and wait, and wait

Keep track of the chat and be ready to move.

Keep hydrated/fed but consider frequency of bathroom breaks.

When you get a message that a car leaves, follow it!

Join dispatch call - from here it's the regular follow process.

Which cars are worth following?

Vans w/ DHS plates

Other vehicles with 2+ agents inside, especially if they're in tactical gear

Multiple vehicles leaving at once

How many cars should follow?

Good to have at least 2, even more important when following multiple ICE vehicles

Good to have cars stay behind in case more vehicles leave

When should the stakeout end?

Stamina of observers and followers

Likelihood of a raid to start - less likely after 9am but still possible

Observation is useful all the time to track patterns - you can observe without followers

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STAKE EM OUT

ICE Building or Garage

You can stake out ICE from where their vehicles leave, and start following from that point. Doing so can also give you valuable information about how ICE operates.

ASSEMBLE YOUR CREW



Observers (2)



At least 2 cars with drivers and passengers

* Consider renting a car



Dispatch

SCOUT THE LOCATION

- Look for good locations for:
 - Foot observers to watch doors
 - Followers to park and be ready to follow cars that leave
- Observe when cars are likely to be leaving for raids
 - we recommend early morning
- Map nearby bathrooms

OBSERVERS



A picture's worth a thousand words!

Capture:

- License plates
- Make/Model/Color
- Fleet numbers
- Damage, Logos

Sit/stand where you can see cars moving in & out

Cover your body, face, and hair. Work in pairs for full coverage, and so you can take breaks.

Track vehicle movements

Send message immediately, or keep timestamps

Track people entering/exiting

<https://www.conmigra.org/eyes-on-ice/how-to-identify-ice>

- Description of clothes, height, gender presentation, build, race, tattoos, etc
- Take photographs if possible

IF YOU SEE A FED VEHICLE LEAVING:

Enter car info in chat immediately, including where it's driving.

Keep observing in case more federal vehicles come out.

BE PREPARED

This is meant to help you be as confident as possible; *not to intimidate you*. In Minneapolis, everyday people did this work without the luxury of being prepared. You can act even without doing anything in this guide. However, if you have time now, stay ready so you don't have to get ready.

GATHER YOUR PEOPLE

- 1 driver
- 1-2 passengers
- 1 offsite dispatch

See next pages for more info on roles

- Discuss the scenarios on pages 8-9 with your crew.
- Make plans collectively now.

Following ICE is NOT a crime. But, it is better to prepare for arrest just in case.

- Tell a Trusted Person:

Name on ID, Birthdate
What to do if you're arrested
e.g. notify family/work, feed pet.

Memorize Jail Support #:
(510) 250 - 1700

GET CONNECTED TO LOCAL BAY AREA EFFORTS



<https://is.gd/baylocalefforts>

Click for Active Follow Announcements, Adopt-a-Corner, License Plate Verification chats, & more!

EACH PERSON'S RO

You can practice this ahead

PASSENGERS

Can be split into two roles (highly recommended) or combined into one

PHONE GUY

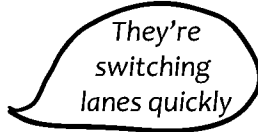
- **Communicate** with Dispatch over signal call using driver's phone



Provide turn-by-turn updates. N/S/E/W is helpful, but L/R works.

make/ model
color + LP

Share info about suspicious vehicles

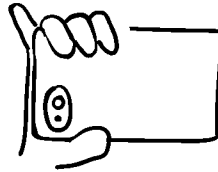


Narrate what vehicle is doing, or any info on the agents inside

- **Photograph** suspicious/known ICE vehicles
- Help driver **navigate**

IF ICE PARKS AND MULTIPLE AGENTS EXIT,
OR YOU SEE OTHER NOTABLE ICE BEHAVIOR:

- Give driver the call phone and use your phone to record
- Do not use social media live - the footage can be used to identify people and can't be removed afterwards.
- Do not stop recording, even if ICE asks you to stop.
- Narrate the scene using SALUTE (see next page)



*Hold the phone horizontally while recording

ACTIVATOR

While following, help mute/unmute the call. Stay aware and be ready.

IF ICE PARKS AND MULTIPLE AGENTS EXIT THE VEHICLE:

→ Exit car. Make noise with whistle. Shout to activate neighbors:

ICE is outside! You do not need to open your door for them. If you can, come outside to protect your neighbors

→ Point to a bystander and ask them to call RRN

IF SOMEONE
IS DETAINED

Ask for their emergency contact.
¿Quien es tu contacto de emergencia?

Check in with their loved ones left behind and offer resources.
Let the emergency contact know what happened.

BOX-INS - report from Minneapolis

Responders have been deliberately boxed in by ICE vehicles, surrounded, and trapped by agents who attempt to intimidate responders

Ensure that your doors are locked and your windows are rolled all the way up.

Stay on the phone with dispatch and ask for more support
Record the entire interaction

The chilliest interactions have been those who just completely ignore their tantrums and don't react back.

Pretend they aren't there and focus your time and attention on calling in support.

You can calmly state: "I am driving on a public road. I am observing and recording. I am not impeding or interfering."

USING MULTIPLE VEHICLES TO STOP YOU

ICE may call for backup when cornered, leading to multiple other federal vehicles joining and escorting the original vehicle away
Attempting to block vehicles with your vehicle could lead to obstruction charges

Don't be intimidated! If they try to block your car you're allowed to drive around them.

HELPFUL INFO

Bay Area ICE Vehicle BOLOs and Resources:
is.gd/bayfedvehicles

Active Following Announcements/Dispatch Support:
is.gd/bayactivefollows

Minneapolis best practices: is.gd/MNBest

Minneapolis community response resources:
is.gd/MNResponse

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

Here are some tactics ICE has used when people are following. Assess the level of risk you're willing to take and speak with your crew so you can respond in a way you feel comfortable with.

Remember that you are not alone - you have Dispatch and your trusted team to help you make decisions. All you can do is your best. There is often no right decision in these moments.

It's important to weigh the risks of the ICE vehicle getting away against the risks of continuing to follow in these scenarios.

Some scenarios we've seen and considerations for decision making:

ERRATIC DRIVING

sudden changes in lanes, running red lights, speeding, etc.

Breaking traffic laws exposes you to legal risk
Getting into an accident could physically harm others and yourself

DRIVING TO REGISTERED ADDRESS

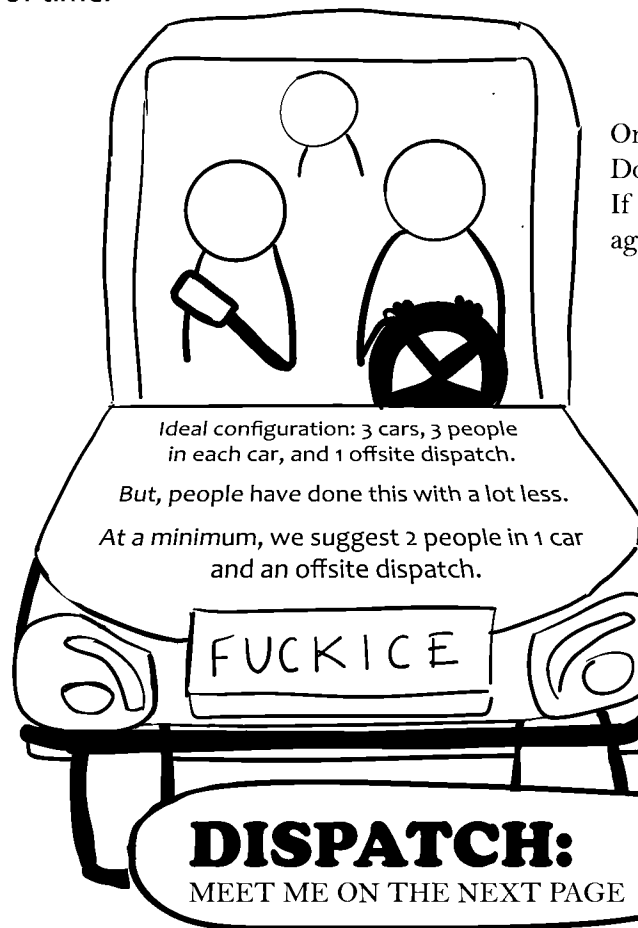
- report from Minneapolis

ICE has run plates and begun driving to the residence the vehicle is registered at.

Recommended action: drive to a public place.

LE IN THE MOMENT

of time!



DRIVER

One job: driving. Nothing else!
Do not bring children or pets
If ICE parks and multiple agents exit the vehicle:

Stay in the car in case you need to drive away
Honk to get the attention of neighbors

Stay on the phone with dispatch and give verbal updates using SALUTE (see next page)

BEST PRACTICES FOR CALL WITH DISPATCH:

- Stay MUTED unless sharing information:
- Agree on short names to refer to vehicles
Name for each follow car (colors work well!)
Choose different name for each ICE vehicle
- Keep your contributions CONCISE:

X
"The silver Chevy Impala is, uh, turning right - no, left"

✓
"Impala left on Market"

Be mindful of the space you are taking in the call - pay attention to who is talking before interrupting

Hierarchy of who gets to interrupt:

- 1) Dispatch
- 2) Car closest to the ICE car relaying information
- 3) Car relaying an emergency or need to leave
- 4) Other

DISPATCH DUTIES

Start a Signal call on a chat with you and followers.

Document information being shared by followers. eg turn by turn directions, vehicle info and plates, notable time stamps

Provide logistical support

Identify possible routes: eg: looks like they're heading to the Bay Bridge
Check suspicious license plates against latest lists: is.gd/bayfedvehicles
DefrostMN (contains info from StopICE and ICE List): <https://defrostmn.net/plate-check/>
FaxVin (plate registration info - mismatch indicates swapped plate): <http://faxvin.com/>

Decide when to alert community. Some signs it might be the right time: Exiting highway, Multiple vehicles, Multiple officers in a single vehicle, Known kidnap vehicle

Write an alert and share it in local rapid response chats

3 ICE vehicles,
including known
kidnap van,
spotted driving
in the Mission at
8:12am, Feb 10.
Join this chat
for more info or to
help support. /link/
Do not forward
after 10am.

Use SALUTE to convey information instead of inciting panic:

S I Z E number of vehicles/agents

A C T I V I T Y eg "idling inside vehicles" or "surrounding a home"

L O C A T I O N with address if possible

U N I F O R M tactical gear and "DHS/POLICE/ICE" identifiers

T I M E

E Q U I P M E N T eg weapons, armored vehicles

S U P P O R T needed. "community responders needed NOW!"

Link to "Updates" chat

Specify do not forward time (usually two hours)

Note: this role is very difficult & complicated. Don't be intimidated; just do your best! If you're in the Bay Area, you can be connected with experienced dispatchers for training. They are also available to dispatch your follow. Join Signal chat: is.gd/bayactivefollows.

Create two Signal Chats

Active Following (use a less obvious group name)

Driver has joined.
You started an audio call.

Stay on the phone with the people in the car.

If someone from the Updates chat is on site with a car and begins following, add them to this chat so they can join this call.

Updates

Send the link to this chat in the alert to connect those who can support

Share relevant updates. This chat can serve as log with automatic time stamps

Answer questions as much as possible.

Remind people to limit chatter to keep chat open. Remove offsite people who are clogging chat

Follow up after the fact

- Contact local RRN to report attempted or completed abductions
- Capture notes/log from the day and send to admin of East Bay Plates or SF Plates for ongoing data efforts
- Remove participants from all Signal chats and leave the chats to fully delete them

This could be YOU if you are:

Offsite, ideally in front of a computer
Able to pick up a call within seconds
Comfortable reading maps
Member of local rapid response signal groups
Calm, level headed, able to multi task

