

A Brief Guide for Sharing Reports of Raids on Social Media

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 is harmful to communities: it amplifies fear and strains limited resources.

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

1. **Police Activity:** Local police regularly engage in policing which can put immigrants at risk of detention and deportation (usually ongoing). Checkpoints or Stops: Local 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).
2. **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).
3. **Immigration Raids:** ICE/CBP/DHS officers swarm a neighborhood, workplace, event or public space and arrest 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. Call the WAISN Hotline at 1-844-RAID-REP 2. Take a picture or a video (not the people being targeted) while ensuring your safety and safety of others around you. 3. Take note exact date, time & location. 4. Take note of the type of law enforcement agency, vehicles and activities. 5. 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 publicly on social media if it is not verified (i.e., not from someone who personally witnessed it). 2. Reach out directly to organizations in area who are trained to go out to 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. 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 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 your local Raid Response Network. 4. Share appropriate Know Your Rights materials 	<p>How to support verification efforts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Encourage others to call the WAISN Hotline instead of spreading unverified information. 2. Directly share verification efforts so people know the original source of reports to trace, confirm, correct, or retract; and to minimize those intentionally spreading misinformation. 3. Do not screenshot other people’s reports. 4. 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** – Dept. of Homeland Security