



Community spaces, schools, hospitals, colleges, courthouses and places of worship must remain places of care—not fear.

Emergency Kit

Includes:

- Safety whistle
- Know Your Rights Card
(in English & Spanish)
- Whistle alert: When and how to use guide



Legal Disclaimer: This resource provides general information. It is not legal advice.

When & How to Use the Whistle

- A whistle is a **quick, nonverbal way to alert others** that Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents or other federal agents are in the area.
- It is intended to **raise awareness and promote safety**, not confrontation or interference with law enforcement.

Whistle Signals

- **Three short whistles:**

Federal immigration agents are seen in the neighborhood.

- **Three long whistles:**

Immigration enforcement agents are detaining someone.

If You Hear a Whistle: What to Do

For impacted community members:

- **Pause and assess your surroundings.**
- **Go inside your home or remain in a safe, private space.**
- **Review your Know Your Rights card.**
- **Do not engage or approach agents.**

CAUTION!

DON'T CAUSE ANY UNNECESSARY PANIC.

Use the whistle only when agents
are visibly observed.



For community allies, go outside, bear witness, document and speak up:

- Stay calm and do not interfere with law enforcement activity.
- Observe from a safe distance.
- Document only if it is safe to do so, using video or written notes.
- Share accurate information with trusted community members.
- Activate your rapid response plan.

Verbal Alert

Pair the whistle with a calm verbal notice, such as: "Neighbors, heads up! Immigration agents are in the area. Know your rights."

Reminders

- The whistle is for awareness, safety and information sharing.
- Do not obstruct, interfere or confront law enforcement.
- Accuracy, de-escalation and care for community safety are essential at all times.

Resources

- ↗ www.aft.org/immigration
- **AFT Resource: Protecting Our Communities**

This kit is part of the AFT's Protecting Our Communities Immigration Toolkit, which supports educators, healthcare workers, students, families and communities during moments of uncertainty and fear.





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