



Colleges, schools, hospitals, places of worship and community spaces 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](http://www.aft.org/immigration)

- **AFT Resource: Protecting Our Students and Higher Ed Employees Toolkit**

This kit is part of the AFT’s Protecting Our Students and Higher Ed Employees Immigration Toolkit, which supports educators, healthcare workers, students, families and communities during moments of uncertainty and fear.





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