



Schools, hospitals, colleges, 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 Toolkit**

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





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