



Hospitals, schools, 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.

Clinical Settings Guidance (Hospitals and Patient Care Areas):

The use of whistles or other audible alerts inside clinical or patient care areas should only occur in accordance with local facility policy and immigration emergency protocol procedures in place.

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 Patients Toolkit**

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





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