

# ICE Watch & Know Your Rights Handout

This handout summarizes your rights and best practices when observing, protesting, or recording ICE activities in public spaces.



## Your Core Rights

- You have a First Amendment right to record ICE and other law enforcement in public places.
- You do not need permission to film officers performing their duties in public.
- Officers generally cannot delete footage or confiscate your device without a warrant.
- You have the right to remain silent and usually do not have to answer questions.

## Where You Can Record

- Sidewalks, streets, parks, and other public areas.
- Public areas of buildings where you are lawfully present.
- Private property only with permission of the owner.
- If ordered to move for safety reasons, comply and continue recording from a lawful distance.

## What NOT to Do

- Do not block officers, vehicles, or doorways.
- Do not touch officers or detained individuals.
- Do not physically interfere with an operation.
- Do not escalate or argue aggressively.

## Best Practices for Recording

- Stay calm, quiet, and at a safe distance.
- State the date, time, and location while recording.
- Film badges, uniforms, vehicles, and signage when visible.
- Keep original footage unedited and back it up securely.

## If You Are Approached

You may calmly say:

- “I am observing and recording from a public place.”
- “Am I being detained, or am I free to go?”

If you feel unsafe or are threatened with arrest, prioritize safety and comply.

## Protect the Community

- Avoid posting identifiable faces of community members without consent.
- Blur faces before sharing publicly.
- Share footage with trusted legal or advocacy organizations.
- Write down what you observed as soon as possible.

## Important Reminder

This information is for education only and is not legal advice.  
Laws and enforcement practices can vary by location.

Prepared by **INDIVISIBLE WASHINGTON COUNTY**  
Connect with us at <https://IndivisibleWashCo.com>

