

Karen's Guide

to

**DISRUPTING US IMMIGRATION AND
CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)
OPERATIONS**

*Use your
privilege
for good!*



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to suggest a correction or update,
email: oldelady@mail.com

Stay safe out there!



HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This book contains information compiled by activists to help those new to activism. Specifically, Karen's Guide is designed for allies who are not personally at risk, and who understand that our privilege puts us in a unique position to support those who are.

Most of the information included has been compiled from reputable sources- many of those you could find online such as:

American Civil Liberties Union - ACLU.ORG

National Immigrant Justice Center - IMMIGRANTJUSTICE.ORG

Siembra NC - SIEMBRANC.ORG

Immigrant Legal Resource Center - ILRC.ORG

Please visit those sites for up-to-date info as laws are changing quickly.

Additional information included has been provided by private citizens with personal experience relevant to the topic at hand.

Please copy and distribute this book to your community as needed. There are a few places in this guide for Karen to input information about local laws and resources. You may want to populate this information prior to printing multiple copies.

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LOCAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO BE AWARE OF:

A large rectangular area with horizontal blue lines, resembling a page of lined paper. A vertical red margin line is on the left side. This area is intended for users to write down local laws and regulations.

JUST LOCAL STUFF

LOCAL ICE WATCH TIPLINE: _____

LOCAL ORGANIZATION WHERE WE CAN GET MORE INFORMATION

COMMON SPANISH PHRASES AND HOW TO PRONOUNCE THEM

Compiled by Activists at SiembraNC.com

ENGLISH SPANISH SAY IT LIKE

Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)	La Migra	"lah ME grah"
Lawyer	Abogado	"ah bow GAH doh"
Police	Policía or La Chota (slang - like calling cops "Pigs"... which I am ok with but might be a risk if trying to deescalate within earshot of la chota)	"pole lee SEE ah" or "lah CHO* tah" *(CHO rhymes with "show")
Stay quiet!	"Guarda Silencio!" or "Calla!" (slang - Mexico)	"gwar* duh see LENS see oh" or "k'eye juh" *(GWAR like the band)
Don't say anything except "I need a lawyer" !!!	"No digas nada, excepto 'Necesito un abogado.'"	"no DEE gus NAH duh eck sept tow 'ness" suh SEAT tow ewn ah bow GAH doh"

SUBMIT UPDATES/CORRECTIONS/SUGGESTIONS FOR USEFUL SPANISH VOCAB TO SPANISHVOCAB@YAHOO.COM



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

The #1 thing that immigrants can do to protect themselves and their families during interactions with US Immigration agents is to know the rights they have in the US today, regardless of their immigration status.

Now Karen, it is NOT your mission to walk up to every person you hear speaking a language other than English and demand they listen to your TED talk about the rights and protections granted to all under the US Constitution. We know that you can't discern a person's immigration status just by looking at them or by listening to them speak, right? So, this is how you can provide those at risk of detention or deportation with information about their rights as a human in the US:

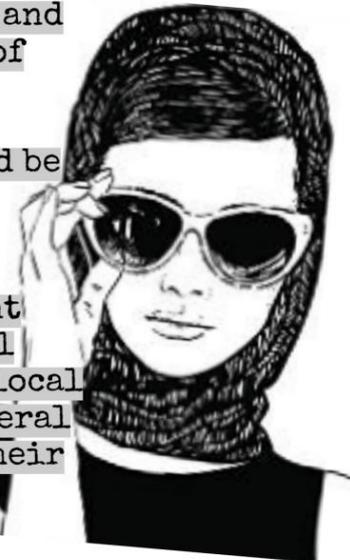
The Immigrant Legal Resource Center has designed "Red Cards". These cards are designed to fit in a wallet and contain information for humans during a confrontation with ICE Agents. Do you have access to a printer? If not, there is one at your local public library.

Additionally, the next page of this guide can be torn out and distributed.

Karen, your mission, should you choose to accept it; print out these cards and make sure they get into the hands of people that can use them.

But, not, like, directly. That would be weird.

Leave them in places known to be frequented by your local immigrant population- like an international grocer. If you're unsure, ask your local public librarian. They are the literal best and answering questions is their business and pleasure.



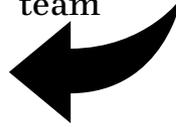
I WITNESSED THE DETENTION OF A HUMAN
I CAN PROVIDE
 VIDEO/PHOTO EVIDENCE
 DETAILED NOTES

DETAINEE'S NAME _____

MY NAME _____

MY EMAIL/PHONE# _____

Fill this out and
give it to someone
that can forward
it to the
detainee's legal
team



THESE THINGS ARE SORT OF A GREY AREA... DO THEM IF YOU'RE FEELING SPICY

PLAY DUMB:

*IF AN AGENT ASKS YOU IF YOU KNOW WHERE
SOMEONE LIVES OR WHERE THEY ARE, OR
WHICH WAY THEY RAN...
NO YOU DONT.*

**MAKE A TON OF NOISE TO
ALERT OTHERS TO THE
PRESENCE OF ICE
AGENTS IN THE AREA**

YOU MIGHT BE VERY EXCITED AND MAYBE KIND OF
NERVOUS. BUT WHATEVER YOU DO...

ABSOLUTELY DO NOT DO THESE THINGS

DO NOT THREATEN AGENTS
WITH VIOLENCE

DON'T OUTRIGHT LIE TO
IMMIGRATION AGENTS

DO NOT CARRY A FIREARM OR HAVE ANY WEAPON ON YOUR
PERSON

DO NOT ESCALATE THE TENSION IN THE SITUATION NEEDLESSLY BY
PURPOSEFULLY PROVOKING AGENTS JUST BECAUSE IT CAN BE SUPER
FUN TO CALL THEM NAMES.

GO AHEAD AND TELL THEM WHAT YOU THINK OF THEM BEFORE OR AFTER
A DETENTION RAID THOUGH...

DON'T PUT YOUR BODY
BETWEEN THE AGENT
AND THEIR SUBJECT

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- **NO ABRA LA PUERTA** si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- **NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA** de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.
- **NO FIRME NADA** sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
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I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.

I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.

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OMG RAID IN PROGRESS...

RECORD A VIDEO OF THE ENTIRE INTERACTION!

EXCHANGE CONTACT INFORMATION WITH SOMEONE AT THE SCENE SO YOU CAN SEND THEM YOUR NOTES AND VIDEO

OBSERVE AND PHOTOGRAPH

ANY PRESENTED WARRANTS IF POSSIBLE

TAKE DETAILED NOTES WHEN US IMMIGRATION IS...

AT THE DOOR:

- Date: _____ What time of day? _____
- How many officers? _____ Names: _____
- Did they have guns drawn or were they touching their weapons? _____
- How did their uniforms identify them? _____
- Who did they say they were and why did they say they were there? _____
- Did agents speak only English, or did anyone speak to you in your native language? _____
- What did ICE say to get in the home? In what language? _____
- Did they say who they were looking for? _____
- If you live in a house, were ICE agents present at windows or in the back of the house? _____
- Did they use verbal/physical force (banging hard on the door, yelling threats; touching, pushing person) to enter? How? _____
- Who opened the door when they came in? Was the person 16 years old or younger? If so, how old? _____

ONCE ICE WAS INSIDE THE HOME:

- Did you verbally refuse consent to enter? I said: _____
- How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to enter? _____
- Did you verbally refuse consent to search? I said: _____
- How did they react if anyone said they denied consent to search? _____
- When did they tell you they were from immigration (before arrest, after arrest)? _____
- Did they yell at anyone? _____
- Did they touch or draw weapons inside the home? If so, did they identify themselves as ICE beforehand? _____
- Did they keep anyone from moving around freely? _____
- Did they enter bedrooms? Did they ask for permission first? _____
- Did they look in closets or drawers? Did they ask for permission first? _____
- Did you tell them if there were kids in the house? What did they do? _____
- Did they handcuff anyone in front of children? _____
- Did you bring up concerns like the need for childcare or medical issues? I said: _____
- How did they react? _____
- Did they take pictures of documents? If so, whose? How did they get the documents? _____
- Did they take fingerprints? If so, whose? _____

HOMework

(gross)

Learn simple common phrases in the native language of your local immigrant community.

Familiarize yourself with the difference between a Judicial and Administrative Warrant

Save your local tipline number in your phone

Learn the local laws and regulations that might impact your rights during an interaction with ICE.

Decide NOW what you want the extent of your involvement to be.

Would you (Y/N):

- Call a Hotline?
- Ask Agents if they are ICE or Police?
- Ask Agents who they are looking for?
- Attempt to verbally warn a neighborhood about the presence of ICE Agents?
- Record an interaction between Agents and Immigrants?
- Speak up if you see Agents violating a person's Rights?
- Remain in the area if Agents told you to leave?

Ask school administrators for their policies for interacting with US Immigration Agents.

Example Questions:

Ask school administrators for their policies for interacting with US Immigration Agents.

What policies or regulations are you bound to if Immigration tries to enter the school and detain students?

Will you allow US Immigration Agents to enter the school building without a Judicial Warrant?

Will this school allow minor students to speak with ICE Agents in the absence of their legal guardian?

Are you required to contact the parent if a student has an interaction with an ICE Agent?

Spotting an ICE (U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement) stakeout can be challenging because agents are typically trained to blend in and remain discreet. However, there are a few signs that might give it away:

Unmarked Vehicles

ICE agents often use unmarked cars that blend into the surroundings. Look for vehicles that seem out of place, parked in one spot for an extended period, or following a pattern that doesn't seem to fit the local traffic flow.

Increased Activity in the Area

If you suddenly notice an uptick in law enforcement activity, such as patrol cars or unmarked vehicles around a specific location, this might indicate an operation is underway, including a stakeout.

Plainclothes Agents*

Agents might be dressed in civilian clothing, but their behavior might suggest they're involved in surveillance. They could be standing or sitting in one spot for a long time, or even walking around the area repeatedly.

Surveillance Equipment

If you see agents using cameras or binoculars, particularly if they seem to be observing a specific area, it could indicate a stakeout.



*There have been some reports that as of 1/26/25, ICE Agents were ordered to wear their uniforms and insignia for photo ops. I'm not joking.

Presence of Multiple People

If you notice a few individuals hanging around the same area without obvious reasons to be there, it could indicate surveillance. In some cases, they might appear to be communicating with each other in a subtle way, like through hand signals or using a walkie-talkie.

Unusual Behavior

Watch for people who are acting overly cautious or seem to be observing others closely without engaging in normal activities. For example, someone pacing back and forth, looking around nervously, or frequently checking their phone could be part of the surveillance team.

THINK YOU SEE AGENTS GETTING READY TO CONDUCT A RAID BUT YOU'RE NOT SURE?

ASK THE AGENTS, KAREN. JUST ASK THEM.

THEY MIGHT LIE TO YOU, BUT ALSO THEY MIGHT NOT...?

HOW TO SPOT A STAKEOUT

REMEMBER, ICE WATCH GROUPS ARE TRAINED TO VERIFY THE PERCEIVED THREAT.

HERE ARE SOME THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND:

Don't post an unverified threat online!

I know it feels like the right thing to do is to blast out the info to as many people as possible- but without your ICE Watch group validating the threat, you could be needlessly causing humans in your community to panic.

...Don't be THAT Karen. To you, it's just a well-intentioned mistake. To others you've incited their fight-or-flight response and may cause them to do something that could put them at further risk. Just wait.

Call La Linea or whatever hotline is in your area and ask THEM if you can go ahead and post it online.

POP QUIZ, HOTSHOT

You are walking your dog and see a family walking toward you that is speaking a language other than English.

You want to introduce yourself.

What ELSE should you do?

~~OPTION 1~~ - Tear out a Red Card from the prior page of this zine and hand it to them

~~OPTION 2~~ - Say, "Don't worry I will let you know if ICE is in the area" and then teach them the difference between a Judicial and Administrative Warrants

OPTION 3 - Shake their hand

OMG KAREN! NOT EVERY PERSON THAT SPEAKS A LANGUAGE OTHER THAN ENGLISH IS UNDOCUMENTED. YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY KNOW THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS JUST BY LOOKING AT THEM AND HEARING THEM TALK! GO RE-READ THE GOOD IMMIGRANT EDITED BY NIKESH SHUKLA AND RE-TAKE THE QUIZ



BABY, IT'S COLD OUTSIDE...

Make sure you have the phone number of your local ICE Watch teams.

These teams are trained to validate threats and stop the spread of misinformation.

Put the phone number of a local tip line here:
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If you don't have a local hotline, contact United We Dream's hotline
1-844-363-1423 or text 877877



Be prepared to provide the following information:

1. Whether you witnessed the situation yourself or you were told by someone else.
2. The exact location of the situation you witnessed.
3. A detailed description of the events, including car makes and models.

"Ok I called and reported it. Now what?"

That depends on you, K.

But I know what I would do...



BE LOUD!
Make sure everyone in the immediate area is aware of the situation. Announce the presence of ICE Agents in English and the local population's first language (if known).

WHEN IT LOOKS LIKE A RAID IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN