

Ohio Immigrant Hotlines

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If you are in danger, please contact trusted sources or the authorities (if appropriate). The following hotlines should NOT be your first point of contact in life-threatening or other dangerous situations.

In this document: what [hotlines](#) are available for reporting ICE and other abuses of immigrants, and how they should be used; [resources](#) for documenting incidents in real time; social media [posts](#) to share; and [other ways](#) to engage.

Hotlines and ICE Incident Reporting in Ohio

[Ohio Immigrant Hotline](#), operated by the [Ohio Immigrant Alliance](#)

Purpose: To share information about harmful incidents involving immigrants such as ICE arrests and raids, local police assistance in immigration enforcement, mistreatment of immigrants incarcerated for ICE, and hate crimes and bias incidents – whether by individuals or agencies. You can also use the hotline to request resources/guidance on policy matters, lawyer referrals, and get connected to [local groups](#).



What It Is: A place where we can securely collect information in order to 1) address the immediate question or need; and 2) understand systemic problems. **Our first priority is addressing the problem presented by the person reporting it.** Our second priority is to understand what is happening at a systems level. This information is helpful to inform the need for lawsuits and other advocacy strategies, and identify capacity gaps that need to be filled.

What It Isn't: We are collecting information about ICE sightings, but we are not immediately deploying people to verify activity in real time. If you want to engage in that work, please join your regional Signal chat (contact hotline@ohioimmigrant.org if you don't know how to do this). After you report an incident to the regional Signal group or another trusted source, please also report the incident to the Ohio Immigrant Hotline. This is so we can keep track of

everything we know about ICE activity and abuses of immigrants in Ohio. **Again, this is not a rapid response hotline but it is an important part of documenting what is happening.**

How It Works: Email hotline@ohioimmigrant.org or leave a voice mail at 419-777-HELP (4357). You can send or leave a message in any language. Your personal details will not be made public, or shared with anyone. Multilingual Hotline Managers respond to every call and message we receive within 24-48 hours (typically much earlier). Currently, we do not have live-answering capabilities. We are working toward this in the future.

If you are calling the hotline from inside ICE jail, please leave the contact information for a trusted person who is not incarcerated, if possible, so we can call them back. CALLS FROM OHIO JAILS MAY BE RECORDED AND/OR MONITORED.

How The Information Is Used: Hotline Managers will respond to your inquiry, providing resources if requested. We are also analyzing the data to identify gaps; for example, if there are a lot of people detained in a certain jail and there are no immigration lawyers operating near that facility, we will work to address that need. Or, if a certain police department appears to be participating in ICE arrests, we can inform local leaders about the need for advocacy with a certain department. **Your contact information will not be shared with ANYONE.** We may reach out to you and ask if you want us to share this information with a local leader or organization for a specific purpose, but will NEVER do that without receiving an affirmative response from you.

How To Get Involved: If you are interested in volunteering to support the hotline, please email hotline@ohioimmigrant.org with “Volunteer” in the subject line. We are not ready to accept volunteers as of this writing (2/4/2025), but we will be in the near future. **We are seeking donations to fund the hotline operations and expand our capacity.** Donate [here](#).

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland operates an intake line for people who are detained in Geauga County Jail by ICE who need immigration legal representation

Legal Aid Society of Cleveland “Detained Immigrant Intake Line” can be reached at 216-861-5700. The Ohio Immigrant Alliance is not affiliated with this organization or hotline.



**Detained Immigrant
Intake Line**

*Inmigrante Detenido
número de teléfono de admisión*

216.861.5700



Best Practices in Documenting ICE and Police Abuse in Ohio

Never Again Action

For those of us who are allies, for example people with U.S. citizenship who are directly protected from the immigration system, we can hold our responsibility to stay aware and alert for our neighbors. **What can we, as allies and people with citizenship, actually do** if there is a suspected ICE attack in our communities? Find out [here](#).

Also see this [presentation](#) for more information about documenting incidents and participating in deportation defense. Use the rubrics below for documenting incidents. Email photos, videos, and other information outlined below to hotline@ohioimmigrant.org.


Rubrics for Documenting Abuse

Thanks to the Central Ohio Announcements Signal chat for these resources.

S size/strength How many cops/fascists?	Eg: three, about a dozen, several hundred, etc.	A activities What are they doing?	Eg: physically harassing and shoving an unhoused person.
A activities What are they doing?	Eg: forming a line to block the road and halt a march.	L location Where are they, precisely?	Eg: southwest corner of so-and-so park, near the statue.
L location Where are they, precisely?	Eg: in front of the Starbucks on so-and-so intersection.	E equipment Are they carrying notable items?	Eg: gas masks, cop cruisers, pepper spray, e-scooters.
U uniform Are they wearing any insignia?	Eg: Public Order Unit vests, Save Canada hats, etc.	R response What should your comrades do?	Eg: Form a strong banner line on the south side of the road.
T time When did you see them?	Eg: five minutes ago.	T time When did you see them?	Eg: 2:30 pm.
E equipment Are they carrying notable items?	Eg: "Less lethal" guns, police bikes, knives, etc.	A appearance How many, and who?	Eg: Around 10 campus police special constables.

SPREAD INFORMATION, NOT PANIC

When reporting or boosting potential threats: provide as much information as possible!



REMEMBER! → **S.A.L.U.T.E**

S **Size/Strength**
"5 to 6 law enforcement officers"

A **Actions/Activity**
"harassing random people on the street"

L **Location/Direction**
"Chicago, West of Millennium Park, on Michigan Ave"

U **Uniform/clothes**
"Dark Blue uniforms that say 'Police ICE' on the back"

T **Time and date of observation**
"12:45 PM January 20"

E **Equipment and weapons**
"They have helmets, vests and batons"

Not a useful message: "URGENT!!! Potential ICE Raids on the west side!!!"
"Where? When? What are they doing? How Many? What are they carrying?"

USE YOUR JUDGEMENT! WE KEEP US SAFE!

Comparte informacion, sin pánico

En su reportaje o aviso: tome toda la informacion que pueda

Utiliza A.C.T.U.A.R. 

A **Actividad y Acciones**
"Molestando a 3 o 4 personas que van caminando"

C **Cuantos y Fuerza**
"5 o 6 agitadores armados"

T **Tiempo y Fecha**
"8:32 PM June 01"

U **Ubicacion y direccion**
"Chicago, entre calle _ y calle _ , domicilio"

A **Armas & Equipamiento**
"Playera Blanca, chaleco negro, cachucha"

R **Ropa / Uniforme**
"Spray de pimienta"

No los beneficia cuando no hay detalles completos
"¿Donde? Cuando?
Que hacen? Cuantos son?"

Verifica con precaucion, o invita alguien que pueda 

Social Media Posts to Share

To promote the Ohio Immigrant Hotline, use the following resources.

Sample Post

Download [graphic](#)

SHARE WIDELY: Report ICE actions, racial profiling, hate/bias incidents -- and request resources — by contacting the Ohio Immigrant Hotline. hotline@ohioimmigrant.org or 419-777-HELP (4357). #WeKeepUsSafe #ohioishome #ohiostandswithimmigrants
<https://ohioishome.org/report-abuses>

Alt text: Bubble words that say "Keep Immigrant Communities Safe" in multiple colors appears on top of the words "report ICE abuses to the Ohio Immigrant Hotline" followed by the hotline number 419-777-HELP (4357) and hotline@ohioimmigrant.org.

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[Instagram](#); [Facebook](#); [Bluesky](#); [Threads](#); [LinkedIn](#).

Other Ways to Show that #OhioIsHome

Sign this [individual](#) and [organizational](#) petition to our local elected officials.

Connect with [local groups](#) in your region.

Use and share the #OhioIsHome [resource webpage](#).