

# ICE on University Campuses

## Know Your Risks & Fight Back!



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As the federal government escalates its attacks against immigrants, university campuses have become a focus of political repression.

## Who Is Behind On-Campus Attacks?

### Immigration & Customs Enforcement (ICE)

- DHS agency
- Federal cops
  - **Need warrant or permission to enter nonpublic space!**
- Enforce immigration law
- Serve “Notice to Appear” (starts removal)
- Obtain & serve warrants
- Run detention centers

### Student & Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP)

- ICE division, runs the Student & Exchange Visitor & Information System (SEVIS)
- SEVIS officers manage student/exchange visas

### Executive Office of Immigration Review (EOIR)

- Immigration Court
- Judges order bonds, relief, removals



# Who Is Being Targeted?

## International students

On nonimmigrant visas, handled by SEVIS officers. DHS has been suddenly revoking status, with quick ICE enforcement.

## International faculty and scholars

On work visas or other status. DHS and universities have been revoking permission to work or fully taking away employment.

## Non-U.S. citizens with other status

Green Card holders, TPS and DACA recipients, and people with other status. ICE has appeared unannounced on campuses.

Federal agents are persecuting these individuals  
**due to their political speech and beliefs.**



# What Does It Look Like?

1. Through DHS's databases, ICE find non-U.S. citizens and begin or seek to enforce removal proceedings against them.
2. ICE agents arrive at university campus and look for their targets for detention/removal.

**But like all other cops, ICE can only freely access public spaces at universities.**

**Private spaces require a warrant, consent, or an exception!**

## Key Question: Is the university space public?

There is no magic formula. **It will depend on context:**

Areas restricted by keycard access or requiring registration to enter are likely private.

Buildings and lawns with general access are unlikely private.



# Asserting Your Rights Against ICE

## If the university area is private:

1. Lock the door or entrance.
2. Speak only through the door or entrance.  
Shouting is fine!
3. Say you do not consent to the agents' entry.
4. Demand to be shown a warrant. The agents can slide it on the ground, slide it through a crack, show it through a window, etc.
5. If it's a valid judicial warrant, say that you do not consent to a search. **ICE agents can lawfully come in if it's a valid judicial warrant.**
6. If not a valid judicial warrant, demand a card and their contact information. You can end the interaction and stay inside!



**Only judicial warrant allows entry into private space.**  
**ICE will try to use other papers to get your consent!**

# Judicial Warrant



AO 88 (Rev. 12/18) Search and Seizure Warrant

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
for the  
District of Maryland

In the Matter of the Search of  
(Describe the property to be searched  
or identify the person by name and address)

Case No.

**SEARCH AND SEIZURE WARRANT** OR

To: Any authorized law enforcement officer

An application by a federal law enforcement officer or an attorney for the  
of the following person or property located in the District of  
(Identify the person or describe the property to be searched and give its location).

**YOU ARE COMMANDED** to execute this warrant on or before (not to exceed 14 days)  
☐ in the daytime 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. ☐ at any time in the day or night because good cause has been established.

Unless delayed notice is authorized below, you must give a copy of the warrant and a receipt for the property taken to the person from whom, or from whose premises, the property was taken, or leave the copy and receipt at the place where the property was taken.

The officer executing this warrant, or an officer present during the execution of the warrant, must prepare an inventory as required by law and promptly return this warrant and inventory to (United States Magistrate Judge)

☐ Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3103a(b), I find that immediate notification may have an adverse result listed in 18 U.S.C. § 2705 (except for delay of trial), and authorize the officer executing this warrant to delay notice to the person who, or whose property, will be searched or seized (check the appropriate box)  
☐ for days (not to exceed 30) ☐ until the facts justify the later specific date of

Date and time issued: Judge's signature  
City and state: Printed name and title

1. Issued by a Court

2. Labeled "Federal Arrest Warrant"

"Search and Seizure Warrant"

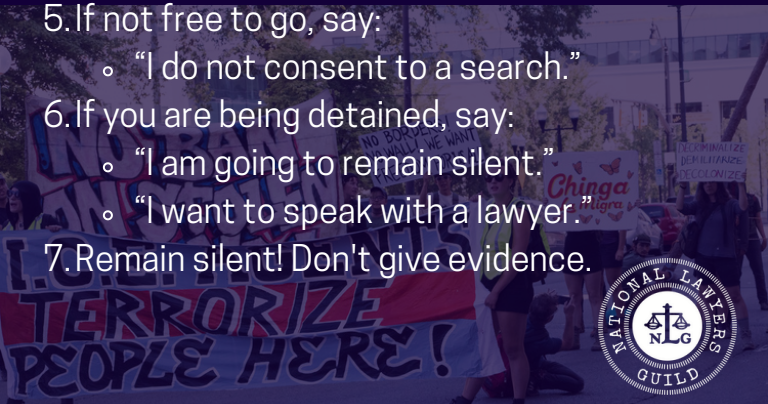
3. Confirm the **name of the person** identified. **Make sure it is spelled correctly.** There may also be extra pages with more information called **attachments.**

4. Judicial warrants are **signed by a judge.**

# Asserting Your Rights Against ICE

## If interacting directly with ICE agent:

1. Confirm it's actually ICE. Ask for badge number, name, and agency they work for.
2. Ask if you are free to go. Do not lie or provide false information!
3. If it's safe, take notes of the interaction.
4. If they carry paperwork, ask to review it. Take your time reviewing it!
5. If not free to go, say:
  - "I do not consent to a search."
6. If you are being detained, say:
  - "I am going to remain silent."
  - "I want to speak with a lawyer."
7. Remain silent! Don't give evidence.



# Fight Back: Points of Intervention

## Campus Policies & Popular Education

- Organize and lobby for university and student groups to pass rules and policies rejecting collaboration with ICE.
- Host workshops for students, staff, and faculty to reject consent to warrantless searches.

## ICE Recruitment Events

- Reject ICE presence during on-campus career and networking events.
- Invite pro-immigrant groups to campus.

## SEVIS Sends Notice to International Students

- Gather with impacted students for support.
- Host KYR workshops on ICE interactions.
- Prepare on-campus networks for potential ICE presence on campus.

*It is never too early to organize a group meeting or thread to support each other!*



# Fight Back: Points of Intervention

## ICE Spotted or Reported On Campus

- Verify that it is/was actually ICE agents!
- Once verified, activate on-campus networks to neutrally communicate ICE presence.
  - Know your risks: [bit.ly/kyrharboring](https://bit.ly/kyrharboring)
- Gather with impacted students for support.
- Gather corroborated facts and timeline on ICE presence: who, when, where, what happened?
- Report situation widely. *We keep us safe!*

## Non-U.S. Citizen Detained On Campus

- Verify that the person is detained by ICE!  
There are many other potential situations.
- With person's consent, start large public campaign: fundraising, media, etc.
- Support legal and personal expenses.

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# Specific Risks to Consider

## On-Campus Digital Security

- Universities and cops could access campus accounts and services, so be careful organizing.
- Consider secure or encrypted communications.

**NLG Resource:** [bit.ly/nlg-campus-spies](https://bit.ly/nlg-campus-spies)



## Criminalization of Anti-ICE Actions

- Interfering with federal enforcement is being actively criminalized, potentially as “harboring.”
- U.S. citizens can be disappeared or intimidated if caught up with ICE, but they should be released.

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Understanding your risks can help you and your people make informed decisions against ICE agents.

**We will continue advocating with and supporting non-U.S. citizens and immigrants!**

Resources for non-U.S. citizens when protesting:

- **National Immigration Project Resources:**
  - [bit.ly/nipresources](https://bit.ly/nipresources)
- **National Immigration Law Center's KYR:**
  - [bit.ly/nilckyrimmigrants](https://bit.ly/nilckyrimmigrants)



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