



We Keep Us Safe

Know Your Rights with **police** and **ICE** in schools

Youth deserve safe and supportive schools.

What makes a school safe isn't **school police** or **ICE**.



All NYC schools have police and have rules the officers need to follow. It's against the rules for ICE to come inside a school building, but if they do, the school has a process they must follow.

If you see **police** or **ICE** at your school, you have rights and you can assert them.

Open to learn about your rights with school police and ICE

Who are school police?

School police are actual police officers—just stationed at schools. You may hear people call them **School Safety Agents**, but that is still the police.

1 THEY CAN STOP AND QUESTION YOU!



Don't run away or resist an officer! This could make things worse and lead to more serious immigration consequences.

2 THEY CAN SEARCH YOU AND YOUR BELONGINGS

They can only do this if they think you broke a school rule or committed a crime.

They need the principal's permission before searching you and they must search you in front of an administrator.



3 THEY CAN HANDCUFF AND ARREST STUDENTS

They can only do this if they think you committed a crime. You can't be arrested for breaking a school rule.

If you're arrested, it should be done privately, not in the classroom. The principal should notify your parent/guardian.



You have rights with school police!

You can assert your right to:

REMAIN SILENT

If the police start questioning you, don't speak. This is protected under the 5th Amendment

DENY SEARCHES

The police may search you anyway, but it's important to make it clear they don't have your permission. This is protected under the 4th Amendment

ASK FOR A LAWYER, IF YOU'RE ARRESTED

Do this immediately! You'll be assigned a lawyer for free.

If you have a bad experience with school police, write down everything you can remember and reach out to Make the Road NY to get support.

EMPTY YOUR BAG!

I DO NOT CONSENT TO THIS SEARCH!

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Learn more about your rights with school police!



THIS IS THE POLICY IN NEW YORK CITY. SOME OF THESE PROTECTIONS APPLY ACROSS NEW YORK STATE. ASK YOUR SCHOOL DISTRICT ABOUT THEIR SCHOOL SAFETY POLICIES.

School police and **ICE** aren't supposed to work together.



If you're a student in New York State, you are protected from ICE knowing your information, unless you've been arrested.



School police are not allowed to:

- Share any personal information with ICE
- Question you about your immigration status
- Assist ICE with finding a student.

Flip to learn about your rights with ICE in school!

School police and **ICE** don't belong in our schools.



The safest schools are the ones with the most resources, not the most police. Students deserve better!



Join Make the Road's Youth Power Project to help push for safe, supportive, and equitable schools for all students.

Be a part of your future!

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Who are ICE agents?

ICE, or Immigration and Customs Enforcement, agents are federal officers. ICE agents are **not allowed** to enter schools without a judicial warrant, but you may see them outside.

If ICE forces their way into a school, that's against the law. **ICE often breaks the law.**



Be careful when interacting with people you don't know. Sometimes ICE won't be in uniform or say they're part of ICE. If you're unsure, don't answer any questions.



What happens if ICE tries to get into your school?

Schools have a specific process to keep their students safe from ICE. The principal is in charge of dealing with ICE (not police, teachers, or other school staff).



1

If ICE tries to enter, school police should let the principal know. ICE should wait outside. School police cannot share information with ICE.



2

Once the principal knows ICE is there, they should reach out to the school lawyers, the superintendent, and to the parents or guardians of the student ICE is asking for.



3

The principal should ask ICE to leave the school. If ICE forces themselves in, that's against the law!



You have rights with ICE!

You can assert your right to:

ASK "AM I FREE TO GO?"

If ICE says no, ask "Am I being arrested?" Even if they say no, ICE could still detain you.

REMAIN SILENT

If you're under 18, ICE can't speak to you without a parent or guardian present.

If you're over 18, you can ask for an immigration attorney before answering questions.

This is protected under the 5th Amendment.

DENY SEARCHES

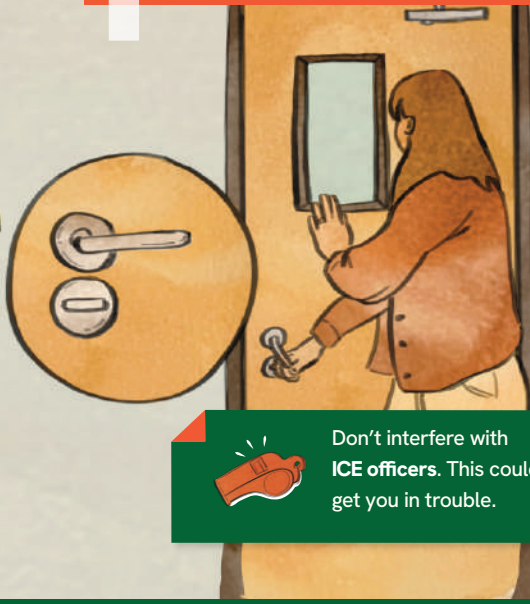
Say "I do not consent to this search." This is protected under the 4th Amendment.



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If ICE gets inside the school, they can't access your school records or personal information. They also can't enter areas that can be locked like classrooms or bathrooms. If you see ICE, go inside a room with a lockable door.

Be careful! ICE is allowed to stay outside the school.



Don't interfere with ICE officers. This could get you in trouble.

If you need support after an interaction with ICE, reach out to Make the Road NY. They can provide you with services and legal support.

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Make the Road New York is a membership organization of 28,000 members that builds the power of

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