

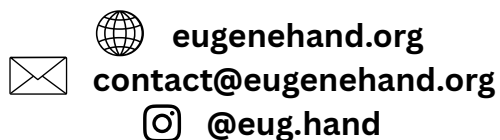


# HOW TO DEFEND YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD AGAINST I.C.E.

Eugene Housing and Neighborhood Defense (HAND) is an organization in Eugene and Springfield, Oregon dedicated to defending our neighbors from capitalist exploitation at the hands of landlords, developers, police, and other class enemies. We strive to engage and unite working people at one of our most important sites of struggle, our homes. We believe we can and will bring down the capitalist system and create a world where we can manage our housing together!

Get in touch to learn more and become involved in the movement we're building.

**Together, WE WILL WIN!**



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**An instructional guide  
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## FIRST, WHAT IS ICE?

ICE (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement) is the federal agency responsible for detaining, arresting, and deporting immigrants. A weapon of class war, ICE was first deployed in 2003 to justify targeting Arab, Muslim, and Middle Eastern people in the US, while using 9/11 as justification for launching imperial war abroad. ICE has continued their state-led attack on our immigrant communities ever since. And since July 2025, they have been increasingly **kidnapping and disappearing our neighbors in Eugene and Springfield** with escalating deception, violence, and disregard for constitutional protections.

## WHY IS THIS HAPPENING?

The US has been the dominant international superpower since WWII. It thus requires the deepest exploitation and division of the world's people and resources to maintain control over the ruling class's capital interests. The federal government has continuously stolen from the people by gutting social services, health care, public education, and much more. Meanwhile, ICE received at least \$75 billion in federal funding under the "Big Beautiful Bill". **This makes it the most expensive policing apparatus in history.**

While the reason behind ICE's increased operations is being attributed to the current administration, **the reality is that from Bush to Obama, Biden to Trump, anti-immigration policy has been expanding and will continue to do so under any capitalist head of state.** The ruling class needs ICE to wield as a weapon against the working class and **all people who oppose their economic interests** (see how quickly they deployed ICE upon students who protested the state-funded genocide in Palestine).

Yet they tell us that immigrants are criminals, utilizing them as scapegoats to sow division among the people. This increase in state repression is a symptom of monopoly capitalism: it is imperialism in decay. Their old tactics are no longer working **as the contradiction between the oppressors and the exploited deepens.**

To maintain global control, the state ups their ongoing militarization and brutality to further subjugate the majority. We are up against decades of global organized state violence.

**It will not fall unless we hit it.**

## ...NOW WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?

If ICE functions as a tool for maintaining control over the capitalist state, a control prioritized over the human lives and global resources it must increasingly exploit and sacrifice, both here and abroad, a control that will never be relinquished willingly...  
**HOW DO WE CRUSH ICE?**



**WE MUST CRUSH  
CAPITALISM!**

To tackle such a long-term problem, **we need to start building NOW towards the long-term solution.**

We are regular working class people who deeply care for and wish to defend our neighbors. To do so, we are training ourselves to become just as organized and militant as the enemies attacking them. **We invite and need you to join us in the class struggle** - being carried out in the streets, neighborhoods, schools, and workplaces of Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove, Junction City, Harrisburg, and all around us RIGHT NOW!

Let's show them we will not stand idly by while they disappear our communities unchallenged! Let's swallow our discomfort and demonstrate bravery to defend those among us who are most vulnerable! After all, they are eventually coming for all of us. **We have nothing to lose but our chains!**

**SO, LET'S GET ORGANIZED...**

***Successfully blocking a deportation or raid requires rapid mobilization from people in close proximity.***

## **STEP ONE: FIND YOUR PEOPLE**

1. We can't do this alone-- **we need our neighbors!** You may know some of them already, but it is common if you don't-- capitalism intentionally keeps us isolated from each other. It starts with knocking on one door to break the ice. Introduce yourself as a neighbor. Express your concerns about what's happening with ICE in your community and ask if they feel the same.
2. If they share your concerns, see if they have any information about ICE and share what you know too. Ask for their contact information and provide yours. We are in a state of emergency which requires us to stay connected and informed so we can keep each other safe.

## **CANVASSING TIPS:**

- As you knock doors and meet neighbors, invite those new connections to join you next time. Make plans to canvass your other neighbors together! This is a skill we must share and a muscle we must exercise!
- Remember the canvassing golden rule of 70% listening, 30% talking. Don't lead with commands to organize. Instead, ask questions about what they are seeing and feeling. What are their ideas for combatting ICE? What are their needs and experiences? What about those of their families, friends, and coworkers? Do they agree we need to collectively organize to resolve this issue? What individual barriers do they have to getting started and how can we problem solve those barriers together?
- Keep notes of names, unit numbers, and new information as you go

## STEP TWO: GET TOGETHER

1. Once you've canvassed your neighbors and identified those who are wanting to talk and act about ICE, directly invite them all to meet up. Aim for something within a week or two if possible to maintain momentum and the adequate urgency. Plan around any accessibility and childcare needs and find a spot--someone who is willing to host, a nearby park or coffee shop--that works for everyone.
2. Advertise the meeting widely. Go door to door, post flyers, and send texts, emails, and phone calls to the contacts you've collected.
3. Host the meeting. Introduce the group's purpose--to form a collective defense against ICE. Use this as a guide! Have people introduce themselves by name or pseudonym if that will be safer.



**NEED  
SUPPORT?**  
*Invite **HAND** to  
your meeting,  
and we'll help you  
get started!*

4. Go over the initial findings from canvassing. Gather any additional information from attendees. Who in their networks are ICE targets? What are their asks? How can we show up for them and meet their needs? What information do we have about ICE and how can this best be used and shared to protect our neighbors? What anti-repression tactics have people seen be successful in other parts of the country or world?

### **STEP THREE: IDENTIFY TASKS AND ASSIGN ROLES**

1. In either this first or next meeting (solidify the second meeting's time and date before the first one is over), start to identify what is needed in your neighborhood, with its unique conditions, to keep each other safe.
2. Find out what skills and resources your group already has to make that happen, and assign roles and tasks accordingly. Identify what you are still missing and a plan to fill in the gaps.

Who has room to hide someone, now or when it becomes necessary?

Who can provide rides to school and work for vulnerable people?

Who can grocery shop and run essential errands for people who can't leave the house?

Who can speak Spanish or other languages spoken by immigrants in your community?

Who knows rental car lots or hotels where ICE agents are staying or getting their vehicles?

What defensive skills and tools do you collectively have?

Who can design a flyer or sign that can be hung up in a business or yard that identifies you as a safe place and ICE as an unwelcome enemy?

Who has a printer that can help print such materials for distribution?

Who is available in the early morning hours when the raids are taking place to help patrol the neighborhood and warn others?

Who can assemble and give out whistle kits?

Who can show up on Tuesdays at the Eugene federal building where people are being abducted from their immigration appointments?

Who can host security culture or "know your rights" teach-ins for keeping each other safe?

Who has connections to hotels and businesses where ICE are frequenting?

Who can help canvass this and the surrounding neighborhoods to draw more people into the fight?

## **STEP FOUR: MAINTAIN YOUR NETWORK AND KEEP IT SAFE**

Remember, we are building the organizational forms that will combat ICE now and capitalism in the long term. We are laying the groundwork for dismantling a well-organized and well-armed system, one that will require us to continue organizing, expanding our forces, educating ourselves, taking additional risks, and challenging the status quo.

The state is actively surveilling and targeting all forms of resisting its repression. This does not mean we should be too afraid to act for what is right, but it does mean we should take precautions so we are preserving and protecting our forces for the long road ahead. Identify ways to continue meeting with and expanding your defense network that avoid sites of known state surveillance (including the digital space). Train each other on security culture. Identify who is able to take on riskier actions. Minimize ways you can be tracked and identified. Plan to debrief an action at a separate location.

## **SECURITY TIPS**

- **Use a pseudonym**
- **Switch to Cryptpad and Proton Mail, avoid Google, use a VPN**
- **Be aware of Flock, Ring doorbells, and other areas of heightened surveillance**
- **Leave your phone at home (assume it is always listening and tracking you)**
- **Don't be easy to track- wear a mask, hide tattoos/identifying features, bring a change of clothes, take an alternate route**
- **Avoid texting - once you have your network, take the conversation to Signal or another safer messaging platform (and remember, nothing in writing is EVER truly secure - it is always safest to talk in person without phones or other listening devices)**
- **Practice "need to know" - sharing the minimum information necessary to get the job done**

## STEP FIVE: FIGHT TOGETHER

***What is a well-organized group of neighbors capable of pulling off?***

We need look no further to draw our inspiration than the Oregonians around us. This summer, Portlanders organizing at the ICE facility successfully forced it to shut down, draining its resources for 22 days. A video recently went viral of a Hillsboro woman quickly mobilizing her neighbors to help her block in an ICE vehicle in their neighborhood. Most recently, a potential ICE facility in Newport appears to now be blocked after over 800 residents showed up to fight back.

It's time for us here in Eugene and Springfield to get to work.

**APPLY HEAT, MELT ICE!**

Imagine, early morning in the working class Bethel-Danebo neighborhood. A neighbor with a flexible schedule is out on ICE patrol during this peak hour of risk. They are able to spot the early signs of an incoming ICE raid. Through their whistle and a text to a Signal chat, they can alert their neighbors to act. Four cars is all it takes to block Royal Ave and **KEEP ICE OUT**.

**Now**, imagine how much more we can learn, how much larger we can grow, and how much harder we can fight to achieve our liberation -- through discipline, practice, and struggle!

**WE ARE UNSTOPPABLE,  
ANOTHER WORLD IS  
POSSIBLE!**



## CREDITS AND RESOURCES

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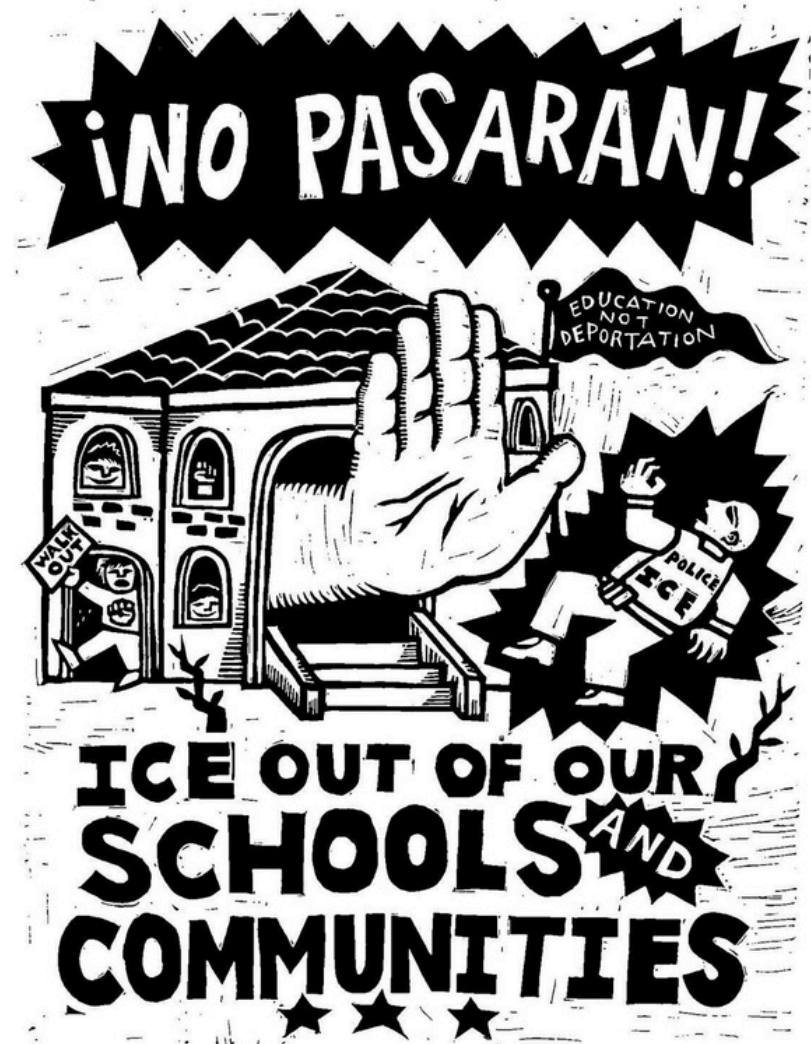
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### Resources:

- OR statewide ICE watch PIRC reporting hotline: **(888) 622-1510** <https://pircoregon.org/about/hotline>
- **“How to Identify ICE Vehicles”** by Unión del Barrio [https://uniondelbarrio.org/main/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Volante\\_PatrullasComunitarias\\_vehiculos\\_qr\\_June202025\\_85x11.pdf](https://uniondelbarrio.org/main/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Volante_PatrullasComunitarias_vehiculos_qr_June202025_85x11.pdf)
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