



Misinformation

This information comes from a variety of sources across the country and local organizations! Information from We Keep Us Safe: El Pueblo Unido Contra ICE is always meant to be guidelines to help the community. We cannot tell everyone what works for their community so this information is intended to be adaptable.

There is a lot of misinformation being intentionally spread right now! Things spread like wildfire with social media, and it is often not true. There are also well intentioned false alarms, not everything is malicious.

We need to think about everything very critically and be careful with how we word things when we share them so that we remain factual and don't accidentally contribute to scares. This is a big focus and advice from other cities It's incredibly important that we don't wear ourselves out, and that we don't cause more harm to the immigrant community.

Ways that misinformation causes harm:

- Wearing us down physically and mentally
 - Harms our bodies and nervous system
 - Fight/flight
 - Reactive versus considerate actions/planning
 - Burn out
- Overwhelm our organizations
 - Distracts organizers
- Makes people think everything is false
- Makes impacted folks who are already terrified and traumatized even more on edge
- Spreads fear and confusion
- Makes people too scared to leave home or take action

ALWAYS consider the root source of the information:

- Do you know them?
 - Does a trusted friend know them?
- How do they know this information?
- Are there multiple sources?
 - Are those sources real people or potentially fake digital accounts?
- How can they be certain it's accurate?
- How did they phrase it?
 - Stating facts?
 - Vague?
 - Alarmist?
 - Conjecture?
 - Did they explain how they reach any conclusions?

Questions to ask when people report ICE sightings:

- Is there a specific date and time?
- Is there a specific location?
- Is there a photo/video that matches the location and time?
 - Look for landmarks in the background
 - Consider the lighting or other indicators for time of day
- Did the person telling you see it themselves?
 - Do they have any training on how to ID ICE?
- How do you know this person?
- Is there a description of the vehicles and agents and actions?
- Did they speak to the agents/officers to confirm that it's not local PD?
- Did they report it to CORRN and anyone else who could help verify?

When you share sightings, consider including this information so that others can feel confident in the information, and you don't have people asking you these questions.

Updated 2/9/26