

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

WHAT TO DO IF ICE OR DHS ENTERS A SENSITIVE LOCATION

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What you can do:

- Stay calm
- Know that *you are not required to answer any questions*
- Don't run, and if you decide to speak to an agent, don't lie about your immigration status

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Overall, don't provide any information about your congregation and its members

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If you are asked about a specific person like their name, location, place of employment, etc.

- Don't provide any information about that person
- You can respond by saying, “Sorry, but I cannot help you with that”

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If you are asked to confirm if a person is part of your congregation, if you recognize a name from a list, or if you can identify a person's car or house:

- Don't provide any information about a person, car, or home
- You can respond by saying, “Sorry, but I can not share any personal information; you need to speak with your legal advisor”

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If you are asked to give a list of the people who attend your church or an event:

- Don't provide any information
- You can respond by saying, “Our registries are private and can not share this information without the proper authorization”

SENSITIVE LOCATIONS

WHAT IS A SENSITIVE LOCATION?

A sensitive location is a designated area where Department of Homeland Security officers (DHS) and immigration agents are not allowed to enter unless of an emergency. These designated areas include: schools, hospitals, worship centers/churches, and day care centers.



WHAT YOUR CONGREGATION CAN DO TO PREPARE

Create a security plan

- Identify your emergency contacts and memorize their phone numbers
- You can designate areas of your church as “private” and only allow members of your congregation
- Designate a point person for your church

WHAT IS HAPPENING

The Protecting Sensitive Locations Act was introduced to the Senate on Feb. 6, 2025.

The Act would prohibit immigration agents from taking any actions within 1,000 feet of a “sensitive location.”

- The protection includes:
 - Health care & mental health centers.
 - Public and private schools, as well as other educational centers.
 - Childcare centers and playgrounds.
 - Places providing social services.
 - Worship centers.
 - Religious or civil ceremonies.
 - During public demonstrations.
 - Government buildings.
- The Act would require a yearly training for immigration officers about sensitive locations.



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