

IMD Action Guide:
***What to Do If ICE or CBP Shows up
at the Polls***



- **Under the U.S. Constitution, states and local election officials run elections, not the federal government**
 - States and local election officials have primary responsibility for ensuring the safety and security of polling places
 - Urge your local Board of Elections to:
 - Work with state and local law enforcement, your County Attorney, and the Attorney General of Maryland to ensure they are prepared to respond appropriately if ICE or CBP is sent to polling places
 - Reach out to community groups like your local Indivisible chapter, voter engagement organizations, and people who run schools, libraries, and other voting locations to discuss how to help voters feel safe
- **If you see ICE or CBP at your polling place:**
 - Stay a safe distance away.
 - Report it to the Chief Election Judge.
 - Call the Election Protection Hotline, 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683).
 - Write down what you see, including how many agents there are, what they are wearing, and any interactions with voters
 - Take pictures or videos, and share them as soon as possible
- **Do NOT:**
 - Approach, speak to, engage, or provoke ICE or CBP agents
 - Escalate any situation by swearing, filming up close, or speaking in a hostile or aggressive manner, especially when someone else may be in harm's way
 - Post suspicions or unverified information on social media, as you could cause unnecessary fear that prevents people from voting

- **Resources**

- [Voting Rights | American Civil Liberties Union](#)