

Power in Numbers and Coordination

The more people on site, the more goals we can accomplish

Hierarchy of Goals in a Rapid Response Situation

1. Get more help: Alert the hotline/PRP Signal
2. Help the victim - Shout “Know Your Rights” info, get their information
3. Document ICE and CPD
4. Slow them down
5. Make future ICE Action untenable in Rogers Park

When you are the first on the scene....

- Call ICIRR line (1-855-HELP-MY-FAMILY), text PRP Signal with SALUTE information
- If possible, communicate with victim
- Begin documentation

When there are at least two of you, divide up the work...

- Call ICIRR line, text PRP Signal with SALUTE information
- If possible, communicate with victim
- Begin documentation

When there are three or more...

- All of the above +
- Begin Action
 - Noise
 - Movement - Getting in the way with a few bodies

When there are 5+




- All of the above +
- Blockade
 - Surrounding the victim
 - Surrounding the vehicle

Situational Awareness - Be SAFER

	Step	What to Do
S	Scan your surroundings	Look around. Who's here? What's happening? Notice entrances, exits, people, vehicles (marked or unmarked?)
A	Assess for changes	Has something shifted — a mood, a crowd, a sound? Trust your gut if something feels “off.”
F	Find your exits and your people	Identify multiple exit routes or safer spots nearby for yourself or other vulnerable people.
E	Engage with intention	If you're in a group, stay connected. Make eye contact, check in, and stay calm. Decide who does what if something goes wrong.
R	Respond, don't react	If there's a disruption, take a breath. Move with purpose. Call for help, alert others, or leave as needed — not from panic, but from clarity.




Risk Levels

Types of Non-Violent Actions

 Red High Risk	Participants may face arrest, physical harm, job loss, surveillance, or legal charges. Typically involves direct confrontation with law enforcement or breaking laws.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Blocking traffic or major infrastructure• Occupying gov buildings• Chaining oneself to a structure• Protesting in defiance of a police order
 Yellow Moderate Risk	Risk of detainment, being cited/fined, or being asked to disperse. Less physical danger but still possible legal consequences.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sit-ins in public/private institutions• Marching without a permit• Brief street blockages• Occupying space without property damage
 Green Low Risk	Little to no legal or physical risk. Legal and permitted actions. Important for support roles and inclusive participation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attending permitted rallies• Holding signs or chanting• Online advocacy• Legal observing or jail support

Risk Levels

American Civil Rights Movement

 Red High Risk	High likelihood of arrest, violence, or death. Required deep preparation, legal support, and strategy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Freedom Rides (1961): Riders faced beatings, firebombings, and arrests while challenging segregation in interstate travel.- Selma to Montgomery March (1965, "Bloody Sunday"): Marchers brutally attacked by police at Edmund Pettus Bridge.
 Yellow Moderate Risk	Some risk of arrest or confrontation. Often involved nonviolent resistance in controlled environments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Greensboro Sit-ins (1960): College students sat at segregated lunch counters and were arrested or harassed.- Montgomery Bus Boycott (1955–56): Economic protest with limited confrontation, but organizers were surveilled and harassed.
 Green Low Risk	Supportive, low-risk roles or actions within the broader movement. Critical for sustaining momentum.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Mass attendance at speeches (e.g. March on Washington, 1963)- Flyer distribution, church organizing, fundraising- Clergy and elder presence at marches to increase safety and visibility

Roles

Documentarian

What might you do?

- Take pictures or video from a safe distance **Low**
- Post video to Facebook, go live on your feed and tag organizations **Med**
- Get closer to an ICE agent to get badge information or ask questions **Low - High**
- Physically protect a documentarian trying to get closer, helping them do their job safely **High**

Action Marshal

What might you do?

- Begin chants at the ICE officers **Med**
- Get in the faces of CPD chanting “Who do you serve?” Encouraging others to follow **Med**
- Keep the action going by instructing other willing volunteers to make noise, participate in blockade **Med**
- When there are enough people, be the first to create a blockade and yell out instructions to form a line **High**

Safety Captain

What might you do?

- Walk the perimeter of the action and share information with neighbors **Low**
- Use Signal to keep PRP admins up to date on the situation **Low**

Assessing YOUR Risk Level

Factors That Increase or Decrease Risk

Examples of Who Might Fall in This Category

Low Personal Risk

- Citizen with legal status
- From majority racial/cultural group
- No criminal record
- No caregiving responsibilities
- Financially stable
- No active immigration, probation, or legal concerns

- White U.S.-born citizen with full-time job and no dependents
- Retired person with flexible schedule and minimal obligations
- College student with school support and no immigration risk

Moderate Risk

- Some legal or job-related risk
- Part of a marginalized group
- May face bias in policing or media
- Some caregiving or job security concerns
- Minor prior record
- Mixed immigration status in household

- BIPOC U.S. citizen
- Single parent with backup care
- Educator or public employee with visibility but union protection
- Immigrant with legal permanent residency

High Personal Risk

- Undocumented or on temporary visa
- Trans or gender-nonconforming person
- Person with prior arrests or warrants
- Primary caregiver without backup
- Disabled, chronically ill, or immunocompromised
- Lives in a heavily surveilled or over-policed community

- Undocumented organizer with children
- Black trans woman living in a high-policing area
- Activist with chronic illness who could be harmed in jail
- Parent with no childcare if detained overnight