

# What families and early care and education providers need to know about the DHS sensitive locations policy

In 2011, the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) issued guidance limiting immigration enforcement actions from occurring at “sensitive locations.”

**DHS guidance states that immigration enforcement actions should generally be avoided in the following locations:**



**Schools**, including known and licensed child care programs, preschools, pre-kindergarten programs, Head Start programs, and other early care and education programs

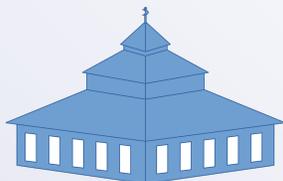
K-12 schools, colleges and universities, after-care programs, and other education-related activities and events are also included in the policy.



**School bus stops** that are marked and/or known to the officer, during periods when children are present at the stop



**Medical treatment and health care facilities**, such as hospitals, doctors' offices, accredited health clinics, and emergent or urgent care facilities



**Places of worship**, such as churches, synagogues, mosques, and temples



**Religious or civil ceremonies or observances**, such as funerals and weddings



**Public demonstrations**, such as marches, rallies, or parades

## What this means for early care and education providers:

- You do not have to allow an ICE agent into your program without a warrant.
- You should notify staff and parents that your program is considered a sensitive location.
- You should report violations of the sensitive locations policy to ICE headquarters.

## If you believe the sensitive locations policy has been violated:

Violations of the sensitive locations policy can be reported to ICE Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO) through the Detention Reporting and Information Line at (888) 351-4024; through the ERO information email address at [ERO.INFO@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ERO.INFO@ice.dhs.gov); or online at <https://www.ice.gov/webform/ero-contact-form>. You can also contact the Civil Liberties Division of the ICE Office of Diversity and Civil Rights at (202) 732-0092 or [ICE.Civil.Liberties@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:ICE.Civil.Liberties@ice.dhs.gov).