

NLIHC's HoUSed Campaign for Long-Term Housing Solutions

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Welcome & Updates



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Overview of Recent Events



- **May 2025:** National Guard troops deployed to Los Angeles, requested by Dept. of Homeland Security to assist with deportations
- **June 2025:** LA residents protest immigration raids, more troops deployed
- **July 2025:** President Trump issues harmful Executive Orders to criminalize and forcibly hospitalize people experiencing homelessness
- **August 2025:** National Guard deployed to DC, local police federalized to support immigration raids and homelessness encampment clearings with no relocation plan
- **August – September 2025:** Threats to replicate the federalization of local police force and deployment of National Guard to other cities

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- **July 24, 2025 Executive Order**

- Ends support for 'housing first'
- Reallocated federal grants to implement harmful, ineffective, and costly policies
 - Makes it easier for states and localities to forcibly institutionalize individuals experiencing homelessness (law enforcement, involuntary treatment) and ban encampments, regardless of alternative options available

- **Increasing Unaffordability**

- Wages not keeping up with rising rents
- No state has enough affordable rental housing for full-time low-wage workers

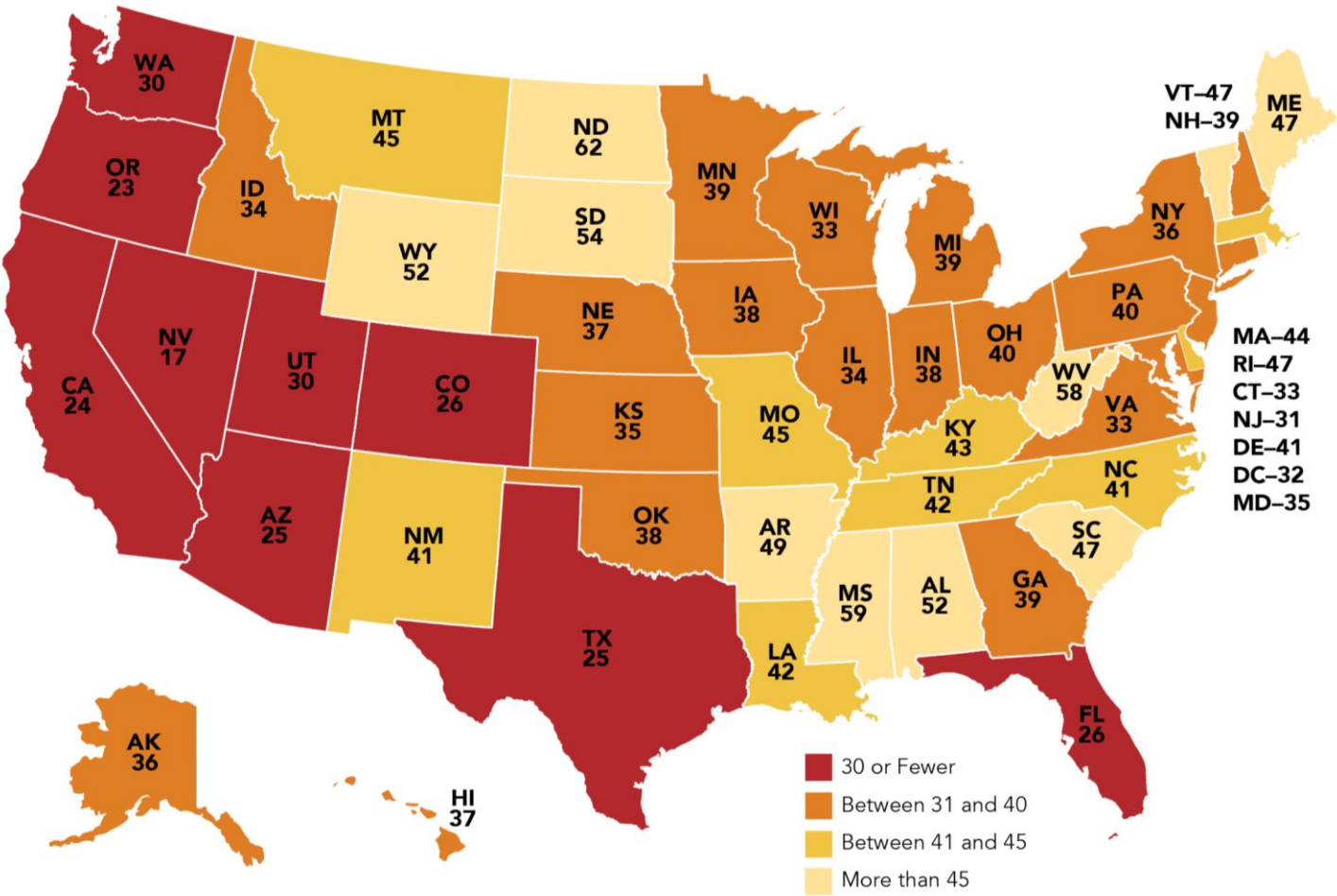
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There is a shortage of **7.1 million** affordable **AND** available rental homes throughout the United States for extremely low income renters.

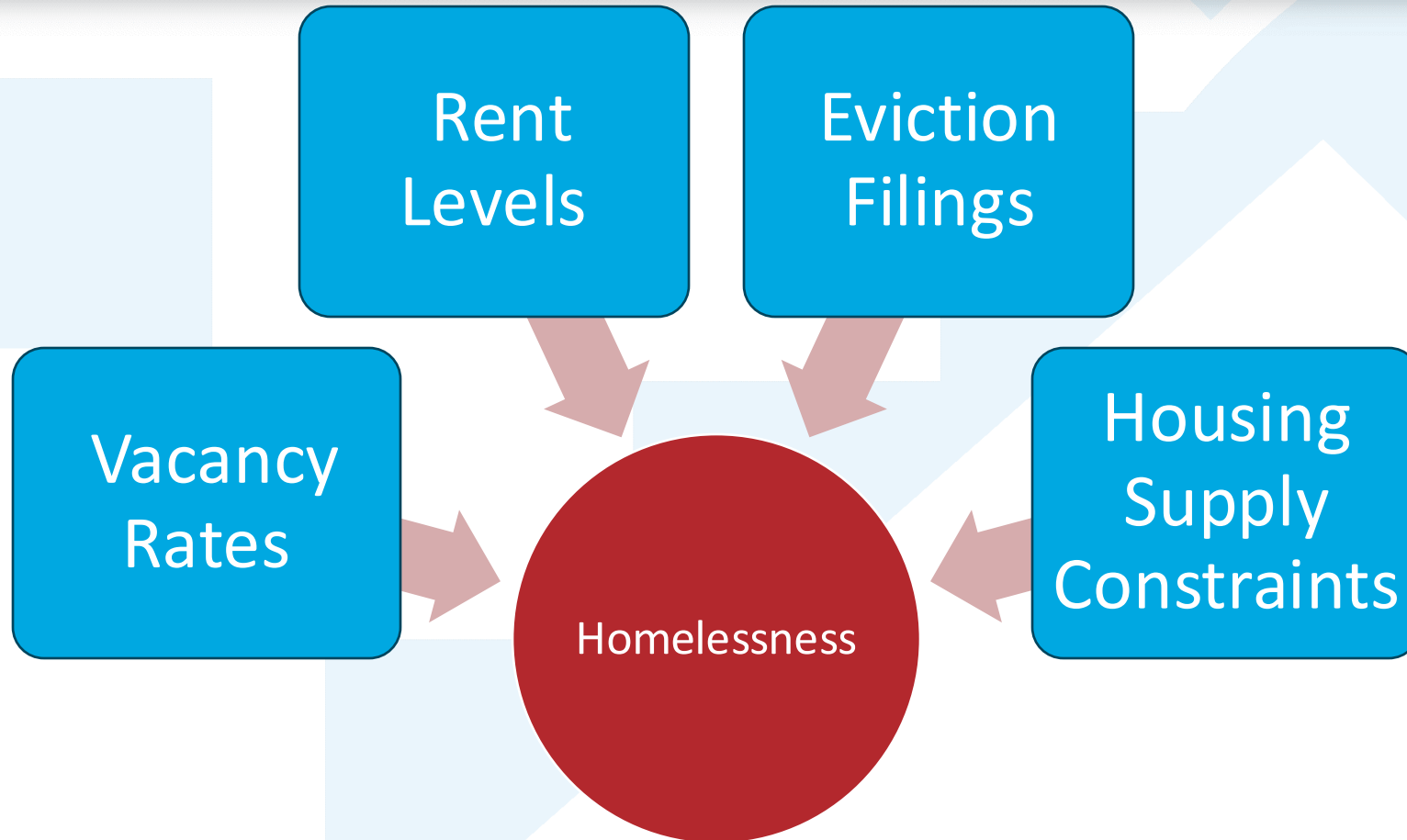
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RENTAL HOMES AFFORDABLE AND AVAILABLE PER 100 EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME RENTER HOUSEHOLDS BY STATE



NOTE: EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME (ELI) RENTER HOUSEHOLDS HAVE INCOMES AT OR BELOW THE POVERTY LEVEL OR 30% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME.
SOURCE: NLIHC TABULATIONS OF 2023 1-YEAR ACS PUMS DATA.

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- **Annual Federal Appropriations**

- Opportunity to *invest* in crucial federal programs proven to solve homelessness, not divert to methods that harm and mistreat people experiencing homelessness
- Housing First, not housing *only* – most effective approach to ending homelessness and promoting housing stability for people transitioning from homelessness
- Involuntary treatment can be traumatic and perpetuate cycles of hospitalization and encounters with the justice system – do not address individuals' basic needs
- **Investments in Community Programs:**
 - Create safer communities
 - More affordable homes and rental assistance to close the gap between wages and rents solve homelessness
 - Support thriving communities

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- Homelessness is a housing problem
- The housing affordability crisis for the lowest income households is a systemic issue with clear solutions
- We need federal, state, and local interventions to establish a housing safety net and address the structural housing issues underlying the housing crisis and homelessness
- Homelessness, the housing unaffordability crisis, and community safety will not be solved through wasting resources on federalizing local police and deploying National Guard troops

Take Action



- **Connect to Others**

- Get/Stay informed on what's happening
- Coordinate efforts in your communities to prepare, act in solidarity with other communities
- Ask state and local officials to work with your community and weigh in with feds

- **Contact Your Members of Congress**

- Federal takeover + treatment of our immigrant and unhoused neighbors is unacceptable --- invest in proven housing and homelessness solutions
 - <https://nlihc.quorum.us/campaign/140276/>
- Time Sensitive: Stop Congress from passing anti-homeless law in DC
 - <https://www.votervoice.net/NHLC/campaigns/130008/respond>

- **Connect with NLIHC**

- Have questions? Don't know who to connect with? Want to do more? Reach out!
- outreach@nlihc.org

Executive Orders, Federalization, and Threats to People Experiencing Homelessness



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From Tickets to **Detention Camps:** *Trump's Anti-Homeless Executive Order*

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A Quick Look at Homelessness

More people are
sleeping outside than
ever before

Caused primarily by
the lack of affordable
housing, paired with
wages that are too
low

Homelessness is
rooted in systemic
racism

50% of renters pay
more than they can
afford

1 out of 4 people
worry about
becoming homeless

How We Got Here

- Laws making it a crime to be poor, sick, or disabled are not new
- The Trump administration's push for homeless detention camps is a clear escalation



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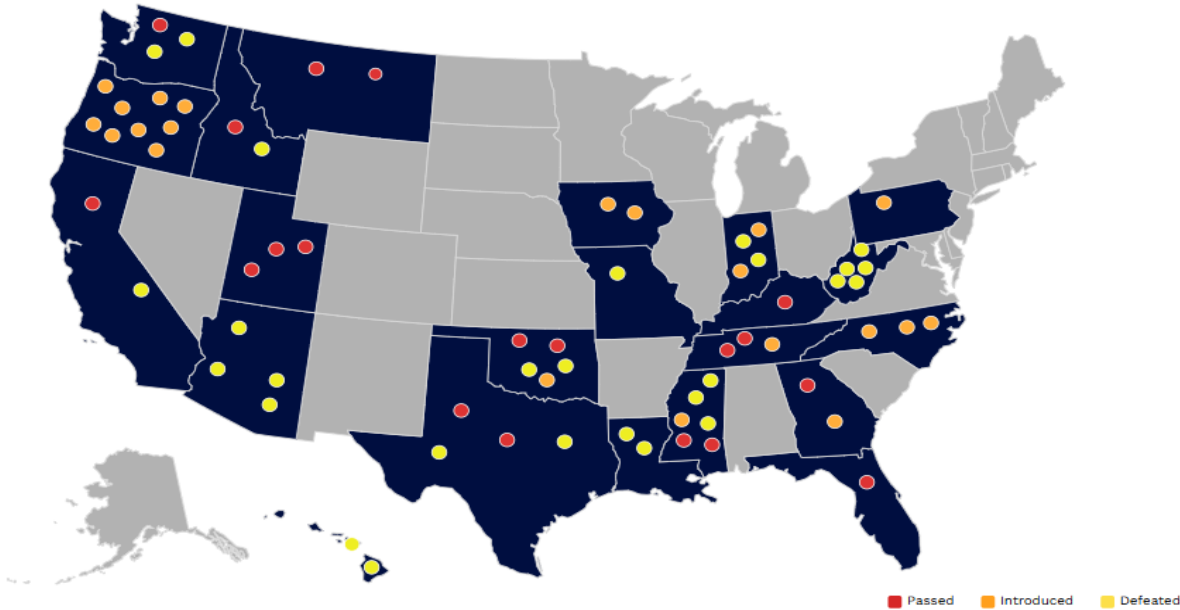
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State-level Laws

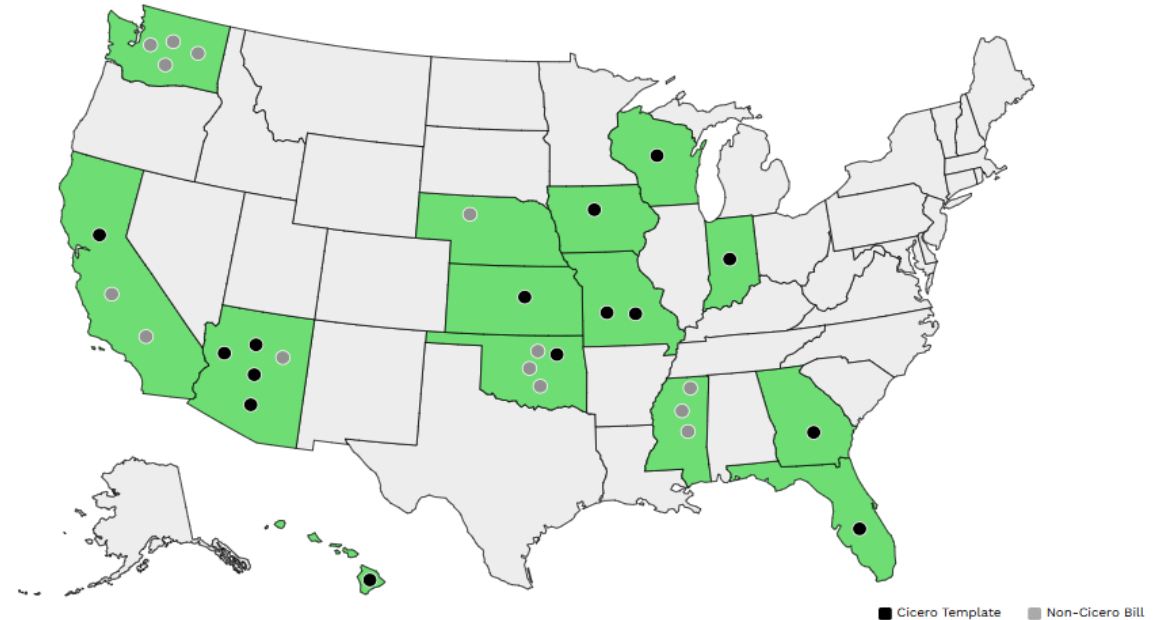
Emergent Threats

This map depicts current bills that aim to make homelessness a crime and/or restrict funding for housing.



Defeated Bills

This map depicts past bills attempting to criminalize homelessness that have been defeated or failed to advance.



320+ bills that make it
a crime to be homeless
have been introduced since the Grants
Pass Supreme Court case last year.

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Resources to Protect
Homeless Neighbors
Against ICE



ICE is now targeting homeless people. This inhumane directive is just one page of the Trump administration's homeless, anti-migrant, anti-trans and anti-poor agenda.

We all need a safe place to live. But instead of addressing sky-high rents, politicians and their billionaire friends are passing laws that make homelessness worse while trying to pit the needs of homeless people and immigrants against each other. Their goal is to sow division from reality. Housing is too expensive for **millions of Americans**, and politicians refuse to ensure that everybody has the housing they need.

We won't let them divide us. Instead, we reaffirm our core truth that housing, not handcuffs, is the solution to homelessness. Everyone, regardless of race, class, immigration status, gender, or sexuality, needs a safe place to live.

In addition to increased immigration raids, the Trump administration has talked openly about enacting a nationwide camping ban that would force homeless people into government-run detention camps. The stakes could not be higher.

To stay connected, please follow us on social media at @homeless_law and @HNHCampaign.

Visit the links below to access a variety of resources for homeless shelters and service providers facing ICE raids.



U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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HUD Secretary Scott Turner Doubles Down on Ensuring HUD Resources Do Not Benefit Illegal Aliens

Directive halts misuse of taxpayer funds meant for Americans

WASHINGTON – U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Secretary Scott Turner today issued a letter to grantees and stakeholders underscoring that federal housing assistance will no longer be granted to illegal aliens or sanctuary cities. The directive reinforces HUD programs are strictly reserved for the American people, eliminating any ambiguity in policy. This action aligns directly with President Trump's Executive Order 14218, "Ending Taxpayer Subsidization of Open Borders."

Read the full letter [here](#) or below:

April 4, 2025

Immigration & Homelessness Intersections

IMMIGRATION

Immigration enforcement ramps up, tensions persist in big cities

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Sergio Martínez-Beltrán



U.S. National Guard stand protect buildings Tuesday in Los Angeles.
Damian Dovarganes/AP

As tensions persist following mass immigration raids in Los Angeles, people continue to rally in protest of the Trump administration's detention and deportation of immigrants.



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Inside Alligator Alcatraz: Report documents grim conditions for detainees



Sommer Brugal



Detainees described harsh conditions inside Alligator Alcatraz. Photo: Andrew Caballero-Reynolds/AFP via Getty Images)



Source: The New York Times

What does EO 14321 do?

1. Scapegoats, dehumanizes poor, sick, and disabled folks
2. Traffics in racist myths about poor people
3. Makes it easier to put people behind bars and institutions
4. Backtracks on proven solutions to homelessness in favor of high-barrier, non-welcoming programs
5. Defunds & criminalizes harm reduction programs
6. Clears path for forcing homeless folks, drug users, and folks with mental illness into government-run detention camps, potentially indefinitely
7. Makes homelessness worse



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What the EO does NOT do:

1. Fund housing or support
2. Add funding for mental health programs
3. Solve homelessness
4. Help people struggling to make ends meet
5. Address sky-high rents or wages that are too low



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What does EO 14333 & Presidential Memo on “Restoring Law & Order in DC” do?

1. Takes over DC Metropolitan Police Department
2. Mobilizes national guard
3. To “get rid of the homeless under bridges”



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What does EO on “Additional Measures to Address Crime Emergency in DC” do?

1. Directs additional hiring for law enforcement
2. Directs national guard create “rapid mobilization force” for “quelling civil disturbances and ensuring the public safety and order”
3. Directs HUD to investigate DCHA for crime-prevention



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DC Takeover

The MAGA regime is spending

**\$424,000 per day to
deploy troops**



VS

**\$169,226 per day to
operate public housing
for D.C.'s entire unhoused
population**



**NATIONAL
PRIORITIES
PROJECT**
AT THE MCGRAW HILL STUDIES

This is Textbook Authoritarianism

- Sets the stage for expanded forced detentions of “undesirable” groups.
- Tests power grabs on groups believed to have little public sympathy
- Uses “safety” to ramp up punishment and prison
- Shifts blame away from politicians’ failures and onto people trying to survive
- Will not stop at groups targeted in order



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The solution to homelessness is
housing. The solution to
authoritarianism is solidarity. We need
both.



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What can you do?

1. Call on Congress to pass the Housing Not Handcuffs Act
2. Get your state/local gov't to repeal criminalizing ordinances or pass anti-crim bills
3. Join the Housing Not Handcuffs Campaign
4. Let us know how we can partner and support your work
5. Talk about homelessness, its causes, and its solutions
6. Outside of DC- tell Congress to stand down the federal escalation!

<https://freedcproject.org/allies>



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Chicago's Response to Federal Threats

Our Work



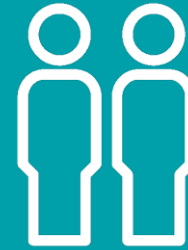
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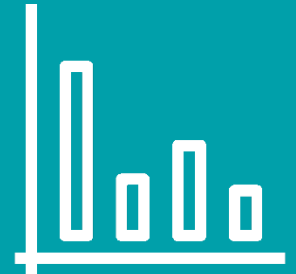
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Know Your Rights as an Unsheltered Person

FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT IN CHICAGO

This content is for general information only and is not legal advice. Although Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness strives to provide accurate and up to date information, we cannot promise it is error-free or that it addresses your specific concerns. If you are seeking specific legal advice, you should contact an attorney. Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness takes no responsibility for any information linked to this website.

The Trump administration is threatening a potential deployment of the National Guard to Chicago. When troops were recently deployed in Washington D.C., people experiencing unsheltered homelessness were forcibly removed and their property was destroyed with little to no notice.

We strongly urge people living on the street to take the following precautions:

- **Don't sleep in public places.** For your safety, please consider sleeping in a shelter or another indoor location. The President may order law enforcement to forcibly remove and/or arrest anyone sleeping outside.
- **Keep your photo ID on you at all times.** Consider asking a family member, friend, or case manager to store any important documents (such as your Social Security card or birth certificate) and/or property with sentimental value such as family photographs or mementos in a safe place.
- **Carry the phone number of an emergency contact,** such as a family member, friend, or case manager.
- **Keep your medications, as well as a list of your**



Federal agents have more authority on property owned by the federal government. This [map](#) shows the location of federal buildings in Chicago. We suggest avoiding these properties and the areas surrounding them.

We also have reason to believe enforcement may be concentrated in the

Know Your Rights as an Unsheltered Person: Federal Enforcement in Chicago

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- **Keep your phone fully charged** when possible, if you have one.

NEED HELP?

To observe unusual law enforcement information to share, call the Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness at 312-641-4148.

Accessible in Four Languages (more in progress)

Conozca sus derechos como persona experimentando falta de vivienda: Aplicación de la ley federal en Chicago

La administración Trump amenaza con un posible despliegue de la Guardia Nacional en Chicago. Cuando las tropas fueron desplegadas recientemente en Washington D.C., personas que experimentan la falta de vivienda fueron desalojadas a la fuerza y sus propiedades fueron destruidas sin previo aviso. **Le recomendamos fuertemente que a la gente que vive en las calles tomen estas siguientes recomendaciones:**

- **No dormir en lugares públicos.** Por su seguridad, considere la posibilidad de dormir en un refugio o en otro lugar cerrado. El Presidente puede ordenar a las fuerzas del orden que desalojen por la fuerza y/o detengan a cualquier persona que duerma al aire libre.
- **Cargue siempre con usted un documento de identidad con fotografía.** Considere la posibilidad de pedir a un familiar, amigo o trabajador social que guarde en un lugar seguro cualquier documento importante (como la tarjeta de la Seguro Social o el certificado de nacimiento) y/o bienes con valor sentimental, como fotografías o recuerdos familiares.
- **Lleve con usted el número de teléfono de un contacto de emergencia,** de un familiar, un amigo o un gestor de casos.
- **Lleve siempre sus medicamentos, y una lista de sus medicamentos.**
- **Mantén tu teléfono totalmente cargado siempre que sea posible, si tienes uno.**

¿NECESITAS AYUDA?

Si necesita ayuda, observa alguna actividad policial inusual o tiene alguna información que compartir, llame a Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness al 312-641-4148



了解无家可归者的权利：芝加哥的联邦执法

特朗普政府威胁要在芝加哥部署国民警卫队。最近在华盛顿特区部署警卫队时，那些无家可归者在几乎没有收到通知的情况下遭到强行转移，他们的财产受到了破坏。我们强烈呼吁在街头露宿的人士采取以下预防措施：

- **不要在公共场所睡觉。**为了您的安全，请考虑在庇护站或其他室内场所睡觉。总统可以下令执法部门强行带走和/或逮捕任何在室外睡觉的人士。
- **随身携带带照片的身份证件。**考虑让家庭成员、朋友或个案管理员把重要证件（如社会保障卡或出生证明）和/或有情感价值的财产（如家庭照片或纪念品）存放在安全的地方。
- **携带紧急联系人电话号码（例如家庭成员、朋友或个案管理员）。**
- **随身携带所需药物以及药物清单。**
- **可能的情况下为手机充满电（如果您有手机的话）。**



如果您需要帮助，发现了异常的执法活动，或有任何信息需要分享，请通过312-641-4148致电芝加哥终结无家可归联盟（Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness）。

နာခိုရာမဲ့တစ်ဦးအနေဖြင့် မိမိ၏ အခွင့်အရေးများကို သိရှိပါ - ရှိကားရှိ ဖက်ဒရယ်ပြဌာန်းချက်

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- **အများပြည်သူပိုင်နေရာများတွင် မအိပ်ပါနှင့်။** သင့်လုံခြုံခြင်းအတွက် အများပြည်သူပိုင်နေရာများတွင် အိပ်မက်ရန် စဉ်းစားပါ။ နိုင်ငံတော် သမ္မတသည် ပြည်တွင်း အိပ်မက်သူများကို အင်အားသုံး ဖယ်ရှားခြင်းဖြင့် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းဖြင့် နှစ်ချိုးလေ့ရှိပြီး ပြည်ပ ရန် တရားဥပဒေချိုးရခြင်းအဖွဲ့များအား ညွှန်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။
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အကူအညီလိုအပ်ပါက၊ ပုံမှန် ဥပဒေချိုးရခြင်းလုပ်ဆောင်မှုကို တွေ့ရှိပါက သို့မဟုတ် သတင်းပေးမှုကို ရှိပါက အိမ်ရာမရှိခြင်း အဆုံးသတ်ရေး ရှိကားရှိ မဟာမိတ်အဖွဲ့ဖုန်း ၃၁၂-၆၄၁-၄၁၄၈ သို့ ခေါ်ဆိုပါ။

Know Your Rights as an Unstably Housed Young Person:

Federal Enforcement in Chicago

The Trump administration is saying they might send ICE and the National Guard to Chicago. When troops were sent to Washington D.C. recently, people living on the streets were arrested or forced to leave, and their belongings were taken or destroyed without much warning.

Having more police or troops in the city can also mean a higher chance of being stopped or arrested—even if you haven't done anything wrong.

You know what's best for keeping yourself safe, but if you don't have stable housing or spend a lot of time outside, here are a few extra tips that might help:

- **Don't sleep in public places.** For your safety, please consider sleeping in a shelter or another indoor location. The President may order law enforcement to forcibly remove and/or arrest anyone sleeping outside. Use drop-in centers or public libraries during the day to stay off the streets. Locations, hours, and services can be found at www.streetlightchicago.org.
- **Avoid using alcohol or marijuana in public places.** This is already against the law in Chicago and Illinois but may be more strictly enforced.
- **Be careful of being in public places if you have an outstanding criminal case or warrant.**
- **Follow youth curfews.** In Chicago, youth under the age of 17 must be at home or accompanied by a parent or guardian 18 years or older after 10 pm on Sunday through Thursday and no later than 11 pm on Friday and Saturday.
- **Keep your photo ID on you at all times.** Consider asking a family member, friend, or case manager to store any important documents (such as your Social Security card or birth certificate) and/or property with sentimental value such as family photographs or mementos in a safe place.
- **Carry the phone number of an emergency contact,** such as a family member, friend, or case manager.
- **Keep your medications,** as well as a list of your medications, with you at all times.
- **Keep your phone fully charged** when possible, if you have one.



If you need help, observe unusual law enforcement activity, or have any information to share, call Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness at 312-641-4148.

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KYR Guidance for Transportation and Shelters

Know Your Rights as an Unsheltered Person: Public Transportation, Checkpoints, At the Airport



When encountering federal agents on public transportation:

You may encounter federal agents on or around public transportation.

- **Silence:** You have the right to remain silent.
- **Recording:** You have the right to record federal agents, but always maintain an "arm's-length-plus-a-step-back" of distance.
- Please note that CTA violations may have a heightened risk of enforcement. **The following may be more strictly enforced:**
 - ✗ Cannabis use or possession (of particular concern because marijuana is still illegal federally, and public consumption is also prohibited by state and local law)
 - ✗ Disruptive behavior
 - ✗ Sleeping or dozing is a violation when "hazardous" or when it "interferes" with CTA service
 - ✗ Smoking or vaping (especially cannabis)
 - ✗ Crossing between train cars
 - ✗ Unauthorized sales and solicitation (selling candy, panhandling)
 - ✗ Fare evasion (not paying to ride transit/jumping the turnstile)
 - ✗ Double occupying a seat (laying across several seats or having your bag on the seat next to you)
- **Detention:** If officers arrest you because they think you committed a crime, you have the right to a government-appointed attorney. If officers have detained you because of your suspected immigration status, you still have a right to a lawyer, but the government will not provide you with one.

For a full list, visit:
www.transitchicago.com/rules



When encountering federal agents at checkpoints:

There may be checkpoints established by the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), the federal agency tasked with patrolling the U.S. border. Check points were established in D.C.

- **Silence:** You always have the right to remain silent or to tell the agent that you'll only answer questions in the presence of an attorney.
 - ▶ Note that while you have the right to remain silent, if you don't answer questions to establish your citizenship, officials may detain you longer in order to verify your immigration status.
 - ▶ Silence alone is NOT enough to support probable cause or reasonable suspicion to arrest, detain, or search you or your belongings.
 - ▶ A limited exception: for people who do have permission to be in the U.S. for a specific reason and, usually, for a limited amount of time (a "nonimmigrant" on a visa, for example), the law does require you to provide information about your immigration status if asked.
 - ▶ While you can still choose to remain silent or decline a request to produce your documents, people in this category should be aware that they could face arrest consequences. If you want to know

Guidance for Immigration Raids at Shelters, Drop-In Centers, and Other Sites Where People Experiencing Homelessness Stay or Receive Services

Adapted from *NHLC Guidance* & *NILC Guide for Employers*


This guide outlines what homeless shelters and other public service providers can do to best protect clients and staff should an immigration enforcement agent try to enter their facility. The Trump administration has ended a long-standing policy that discouraged immigration enforcement agents from conducting enforcement actions in "sensitive areas," such as schools, medical facilities, places of worship, social service agencies, disaster relief sites, and public demonstrations. All levels of staff should be well-versed in these policies and practices, including front desk staff, security, case managers, and support staff.



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Preparing For Entry Attempts:

- **Designate point people on staff who are on-site and prepared to respond.**
 - Each location should have designated point people for responding to potential raids. These point persons should be well-versed in how to identify valid judicial warrants (more information in the *During Entry Attempts & Entry* section below) and other response protocols. These point people should be the first on-site to respond to federal agents who may arrive, and clients should know how and who to notify if Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) or other federal agents arrive on-site. Staff should be prepared to verify any judicial warrants and exercise their rights to not consent to any searches not required by law.
- **Train your other staff to NOT TALK to agents.**
 - Train all workers to NOT allow federal agents to enter your workplace without a valid judicial warrant. A worker can say, "I can't give you permission to enter. You must speak with my employer." Train all workers to NOT interact with ICE or other federal agents beyond that communication. If agents have questions or requests, workers should say nothing, or reiterate, "You are not allowed to enter without a judicial warrant. Talk to my employer."
- **Print and hang signs on entry points that state you will exercise your rights to ONLY comply with valid judicial warrants and that staff will require review of the warrant to verify its validity upon any attempts by federal agents to enter.**
 - For example:

printable sign here 

NO FEDERAL AGENTS MAY ENTER PRIVATE AREAS ONSITE WITHOUT A VALID JUDICIAL SEARCH WARRANT SIGNED BY A JUDGE OR WITHOUT QUALIFYING EXIGENT CIRCUMSTANCES. WE WILL REQUIRE YOU TO PRESENT THE WARRANT UPON ANY ATTEMPTS TO ENTER. [THIS ENTITY] WILL NOT PROVIDE ACCESS TO THE SITE AND ANY OF OUR CLIENTELE UNLESS REQUIRED BY LAW AND WE DO NOT CONSENT TO ANY SEARCHES.
 - Consider also posting dress code signs that prohibit full face coverings like ski masks.
- **Hang signage to demonstrate areas that are private. Consider marking them with "PRIVATE" signage, keep doors closed or locked, and consider policies that visitors and the public cannot enter those areas without permission.**
 - Generally, areas open to the public such as a reception area are legally open to immigration agents, and agents may enter these spaces without a warrant. However, agents must have a valid judicial search or arrest warrant to lawfully access any *private* or *non-public areas*.

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