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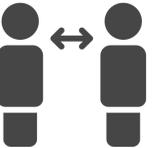


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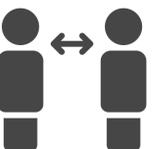


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If they are marked or license plate states Police, Sheriff, Homeland Security (DHS), Immigration Enforcement (ICE). Unmarked but possible government vehicles.

Violence or Physical Force

Pushing, shoving, grabbing, violence during arrests, damaging of property.

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Protect video content on your phone

Make sure your phone is passcode protected. Not thumbprint or face recognition protected.

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