



# Brandeis University Department of Public Safety

Office of the Chief of Police

*Chief Matthew T. Rushton*



## MEMORANDUM

Dear Campus Community,

As your Chief of Public Safety, I want to address concerns regarding our department's role in federal immigration enforcement and clarify our policies to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for all.

### **Commitment to Non-Participation in Immigration Enforcement**

Our primary mission is to maintain the safety and security of our campus. We are committed to:

- **Non-Detention:** We will not detain or question individuals solely based on their immigration status.
- **Non-Cooperation:** We will not collaborate with ICE in actions aimed at enforcing federal immigration laws.

### **Access to Campus Facilities**

ICE agents are not permitted to enter non-public areas of our campus, such as dormitories, offices, and classrooms, without a valid judicial warrant signed by a judge. Administrative warrants issued by ICE do not grant authorization to access these areas.

### **Protection of Personal Information**

We are dedicated to safeguarding your personal information. Any request from ICE for information about a student or staff member will be referred to the Office of General Counsel. We will ensure that any disclosure complies with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other applicable privacy laws.

### **Legal Framework**

Our policies align with guidance from the **Massachusetts Attorney General's Office** and the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court's decision in *Lunn v. Commonwealth*, which prohibits law enforcement from detaining individuals solely based on federal civil immigration detainers.

**Our Commitment to You**

We understand that recent developments may cause concern within our community. Please know that our department is here to support and protect all members of our campus, regardless of immigration status. We are committed to fostering an environment where everyone feels safe and valued.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact our department.



Matthew T. Rushton  
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