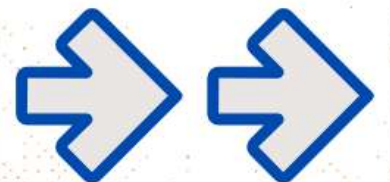




EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



For Those at Risk of Deportation





CRUCIAL INFORMATION TO CARRY ON YOU AT ALL TIMES

This should be written down — do not rely on access to your phone

Medical information

- Contact information for your doctors
- List of medications you take, including names and dosages

Childcare information

- Contact information for school
- Point of contact in case of detention

Legal information

- Contact information lawyers who have represented you or agreed to represent you

Loved ones' contact information

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speak to an attorney for individualized advice.



IF YOU OR A LOVED ONE ARE AT RISK OF DEPORTATION:

1. Organize your personal documents.
2. Get screened by a lawyer as soon as possible to see if you are eligible for any legal defenses against deportation ("relief").
3. Plan for medical needs.
4. Plan for childcare needs.
5. Plan for financial needs.

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PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

- Keep original identity and personal documents in a safe place.
- Make and store copies where someone you trust can access them if you are detained.

Gather immigration and criminal history documents

- **Immigration:** any applications submitted to immigration or any documents showing your A# (alien number), if you have one.
- **Criminal:** certificates of disposition from courts and/or rap sheet.

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GET SCREENED BY A LAWYER



- **Be careful of scams!** Many nonprofits offer free legal screenings across the country. Visit immigrationadvocates.org/legaldirectory/ for a list of local providers.
- Always keep your original documents.
- If hiring a lawyer:
 - Always have a signed contract and make sure to review the document in your preferred language. Make sure both of you sign the contract and you get a copy.
 - Always get a second opinion before paying. Get a receipt for payment (ideally pay by check or money order instead of cash).

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MEDICAL NEEDS

- Write down crucial medical information to carry with you, including doctors contact information and any medications you take with names and dosages.
- Identify someone you trust and arrange for them to have access to your medical information in case they need to provide it in support of your legal case or so you have proper medical care if detained.
- *Something to consider:* sign a HIPAA form to give your trusted contact to access to your medical files and allow your doctors to communicate with them about your medical needs.

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CHILDCARE NEEDS

- Write down crucial contact information for childcare to carry with you.
- Identify someone who can care for your children if you are detained. Make sure that person agrees to act as a caretaker and has the following information:
 - School location and contact information.
 - Any medical conditions your child has and how to address their needs, contact information for doctors, and information on medications and/or allergies.
 - Emergency contact information for other loved ones.

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CHILDCARE NEEDS CONT'D



- Put important documents for each child in a safe place accessible to your emergency caretaker, including:
 - Medical/school records
 - Birth certificate
 - Any legal agreements you have made with your emergency caretaker.
- *Something to consider:* Consult with a lawyer about whether a formal arrangement like power of attorney or guardianship would benefit your family. Please note: these arrangements can carry risks because they can give others legally cognizable power over your finances and children.



FINANCIAL NEEDS

- Consult with an expert about whether to grant a loved one power to access your finances and make financial decisions if you are detained.
- There is a special power of attorney form for financial matters. This legal document allows a loved one to do things like access your bank account, pick up your paycheck, pay bills, and use your money to pay bond.

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For more resources and forms to
prepare for an emergency, visit:

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