## **Family Preparedness Plan**

Every family, regardless of immigration status, should have a Family Preparedness Plan in case of emergency. While it is our hope that you never have to use your plan, it is a good practice to have one in place to help reduce the stress of the unexpected. Be proactive and plan ahead.



### Important Contact Information

Make a printed and digital copy of these numbers and keep them in a safe, easy-to-access place (wallet, backpack, kitchen wall, phone contacts).

#### **Emergency Contacts**

Name of Parent/Guardian:						
	Phone Number:					
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Name of Farent/Guardian.						
Phone Number:						
Trusted Family	/ Member/Helper:					
Phone Number:	_		Relationship:			
Trusted Family	/ Member/Helper:					
Phone Number:	_		Relationship:			
Legal Contacts						
Identify a legal aid organization, legal advocate or attorney, and write down the organization's or person's contact information.						
lm	migration Lawyer:					
Phone Number:	_	Email:				
Local Immigrant	Rights Organization:					
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Phone Number:		Email:				

### Organize Your Personal Documents

Make copies and keep originals in a safe place (at home or with a trusted person). Also consider uploading to a secure cloud or encrypted USB. Tell your children, family members, and emergency caregivers where to find this file in an emergency.

Do not carry any false identity documents or false immigration documents.

### **Documents to Keep** Birth certificates Passports (even if expired) Marriage license (if applicable) A-Number and any immigration documents (work permit, green card, visa, etc.) Social security cards or Individual Taxpayer Identification Number (ITIN) Driver's license and/or other identification cards Registry of birth (for U.S. born children registered in parent's home country) (if applicable) Medical records School records Emergency numbers and important contact information Power of attorney or temporary guardianship form Caregiver's authorization affidavit A red card to exercise your right to remain silent in case you are stopped or interrogated by ICE or police officers. Any other documents you would want to be able to find quickly

# 3 Written Emergency Plan

Create a simple, written plan that all family members (especially children) can understand.

Example:		
If someone is detained, call this person first:		
If a parent is taken, children should go to:		
Safe place to stay (if needed):		
<b>Trusted adult</b> who can pick up children from school:		
Notes		

# 4 Prepare an Emergency Bag (Go-Bag)

Have a small bag ready in case you need to leave quickly or someone is detained.

#### What should it contain?

Copies of important documents
A list of emergency contact information
Three days of clothes and toiletries
Medications and prescriptions
Snacks and water
Cash
Comfort item for kids (toy, photo, letter)

## 5 Prepare Children Emotionally

- Talk with your children in calm, age-appropriate ways (see previous message).
- Practice the emergency plan with them (like a fire drill).
- Assure your children that they will be taken care of if for some reason you are unable
  to care for them, even for a short time. Let them know who will care for them until you
  can.
- Assure them they are loved and not alone.

## 6 Legal Preparation

• **Consult an attorney for additional support.** Attorneys can give legal advice, help file immigration petitions and requests, and represent individuals in court proceedings before an immigration judge.

• The Immigration Advocates Network National Immigration Legal Services

Directory lists nonprofit organizations that provide free or low-cost immigration legal services: <a href="https://ilrc.me/findhelp">https://ilrc.me/findhelp</a>

#### **Know Your Rights**

Everyone - both documented and undocumented persons - has rights and protections in this country under the U.S. Constitution. Red cards give examples of how people can exercise these rights.

- Have a "Know Your Rights" card in your wallet or purse for easy access.
- You can find print-at-home red cards in 14 languages at: <a href="https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas">https://www.ilrc.org/red-cards-tarjetas-rojas</a>

Usted tiene derechos constitucionales:

- NO ABRA LA PUERTA si un agente de inmigración está tocando la puerta.
- NO CONTESTE NINGUNA PREGUNTA de un agente de inmigración si trata de hablar con usted. Usted tiene el derecho a guardar silencio.
- NO FIRME NADA sin antes hablar con un abogado. Usted tiene el derecho de hablar con un abogado.
- Si usted está fuera de su casa, pregúntele al agente si tiene la libertad de irse y si le dice que sí, váyase con tranquilidad.
- ENTRÉGUELE ESTA TARJETA EL AGENTE. Si usted está dentro de su casa, muestre la tarjeta por la ventana o pásela debajo de la puerta.

I do not wish to speak with you, answer your questions, or sign or hand you any documents based on my 5th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution.

I do not give you permission to enter my home based on my 4th Amendment rights under the United States Constitution unless you have a warrant to enter, signed by a judge or magistrate with my name on it that you slide under the door.

- I do not give you permission to search any of my belongings based on my 4th Amendment rights.
- I choose to exercise my constitutional rights.
- These cards are available to citizens and noncitizens alike.

## 6 Community Support

- Stay connected to your community.
- Attend workshops on legal rights and family preparedness.

# 7 Keep This Plan

- On the refrigerator or family bulletin board
- In your phone
- With a trusted friend or relative
- Make sure children know how to reach at least one trusted adult or family member.