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DEVELOP AN EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

Keep all of your important documents in an easily accessible place.

Make copies of these documents for a family member or close friend to keep in case of emergency.

- Passport
- Birth Certificate
- Marriage License
- Car Titles
- Property Deeds
- All immigration documents
 - Including “A” number if you have one

Speak with a trusted immigration attorney to assess your individual immigration situation.

Always have the number or card of a respected legal service provider or immigration lawyer in case of emergency.

Your family should also have these numbers.

Memorize that family member’s number.

Have an Emergency Plan at Your Place of Work

Ask if your coworkers are willing to stay silent and ask to speak with a lawyer in the event that immigration comes to your workplace.

If your workplace has a union, speak with the union representative to better learn how to prepare in case immigration comes to your workplace.

Have a Plan to Protect Your Family

- Prepare a “Power of Attorney” form to ensure the proper care of your children with a relative or family friend in case you are detained or deported.
- Obtain a valid passport for your children.
- If your child is a citizen of the United States, obtain a passport for them as soon as possible.
- They will need this to travel outside of the country and prove citizenship later.
- If your child is not a citizen of the U.S., obtain a passport from their country of citizenship. You can get this from your country’s consulate.
- Register your child as a citizen of your country at that country’s consulate so you do not have problems there once you arrive.
 - For example, in some countries, children that are not registered cannot attend school.