

Deportation Safety Plan

A guide to keeping your family safe



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What is a Deportation Safety Plan?



In this guide, you will find everything you need to be prepared in case you are detained or put into deportation proceedings, including a plan to ensure the safety of your children, property, or other assets.

This guide has been adapted from several different sources, as a way to best serve our community.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

What to do if ICE tries to pick you up or knocks on your door

1

If ICE is at your door

You have the right not to open the door unless they present you a judicial warrant. Call your emergency contact and record and take pictures.

2

If you encounter ICE agents

If ICE agents force their way into your home take down their names, agent number, and license plate numbers of their vehicle.

3

Remain Silent

- You have the the right to remain silent **except for your name and Date of Birth**
- Remain Calm and show your "Know Your Rights" card

4

Do NOT Sign

You are not required to sign any document that you don't understand

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If detained

You have the **right to make a call**. Don't sign any documents without legal counsel. Memorize important phone numbers and memorize important **ID numbers!**



Prepare an Emergency Plan

Carefully choose responsible adults to take care of your children and help during an emergency. Keep important documents safe and secure.

Call the Family Support Hotline!

Toll-free hotline offers help to Illinois families facing deportation.

1-855-435-7693

www.icirr.org/fsn

The hotline is staffed in English, Spanish, Polish, Arabic, and Korean

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

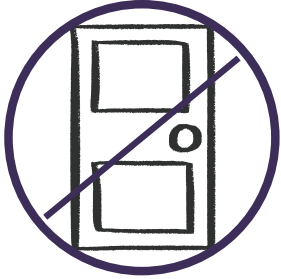
Get help from a **lawyer** or someone with the **Department of Justice (DOJ)**.

Never get immigration help from a "Notario" a traveler agent, a tax preparer, forms preparer, or notary. In the U.S., a "notario" is **NOT a lawyer!**



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WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



DO NOT OPEN DOORS

You have the right not to open the door unless ICE presents you with a signed warrant by a criminal court judge. They can only come in if you let them.



REMAIN SILENT

ICE can use anything you say against you in your immigration case so claim your right to remain silent!

Say "I plead the fifth amendment and choose to remain silent"



DO NOT SIGN

You have the right to an attorney. Don't sign any documents that ICE gives you without legal counsel.



REPORT & RECORD

Report immediately **FSN hotline (855) 435-7693**

Take pictures and video unless you're on federal government property.

Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



FIGHT BACK

Get a trustworthy attorney and explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail- don't give up hope!

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ARE DETAINED

IF ARRESTED, MEMORIZE YOUR ID NUMBERS:

This includes your 9-digit A-Number, Jail ID # etc. This will help your attorney and family locate you easily. Usually, these numbers will be written on a wristband.

- All the detention centers will allow you to make a phone call; the cost of the call will be charged to the person who answers the call or the person who is making the call in the detention center.

ASK TO SPEAK TO AN ATTORNEY

You have the right to an attorney. Disclose your immigration status ONLY to your attorney. This includes a public defender.

WHAT NOT TO DO:

- **DON'T LIE:** Tell law enforcement agents you want to remain silent. **DON'T** give explanations, excuses, or stories.
- Do not claim to be a US Citizen if you are not!
- **DON'T SIGN:** any document that you don't understand.
- **DON'T DISCUSS:** your citizenship or immigration status with anyone other than your lawyer.
- Don't share your legal status with your cellmates.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN AGENCIES



Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE): ICE is an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), primarily responsible for enforcing federal immigration and customs laws. Its powers include investigating, apprehending, arresting, detaining, and removing undocumented immigrants within the United States.

Transportation and Security Administration (TSA): TSA is an agency of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security that has authority over the security of the traveling public in the United States.

Chicago Police Department (CPD): The Chicago Police Department focuses on the safety of community residents.

Note:

- Be on the lookout, there are law enforcements agencies that might identify themselves as police officers or might be wearing attire with the word POLICE written on it.
- Do not share information that you see on social networks about raids many times the information is false and it causes panic in the community. Find out what is happening before sharing any information that might affect others negatively.

PLAN IN CASE OF DEPORTATION

1. Create a safety plan in case of detention or deportation.
 2. Update your children's school and clinic about any emergency contacts
 3. Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do if you are detained and where all important documents are.
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This plan is to help guide your family, your children, and their emergency guardian in the event that you are detained by ICE.

Example:

Step 1:

Have my emergency contact/family member pick up kids from school and explain to them that I was detained.

Step 2:

Contact my lawyer.

Step 3:

Inform the school that I was detained and that my emergency contact/family member will be in charge of the kids.

Step 4:

Seek counseling for the kids if they are misbehaving or depressed.

YOUR PLAN

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Step 2:

Step 3:

Step 4:

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Step 5:

Step 6:

Step 7:

Additional Notes

FAMILY & OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

PRIMARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Place and Date of Birth: _____

Work Place: _____

Work Place Address: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Medical History: _____

Allergies: _____

Doctor: _____

Phone Number: _____

Doctor's Address: _____

SECONDARY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Place and Date of Birth: _____

Work Place: _____

Work Place Address: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Medical History: _____

Allergies: _____

Doctor: _____

Phone Number: _____

Doctor's Address: _____

INFORMATION OF MINORS LIVING IN THE USA

Child's Name: _____

Child's Favorite Toy: _____

Place and Date of Birth: _____

U.S. Citizen (circle one): Yes / No

Social Security Number (if applicable): _____

Medical History: _____

Allergies: _____

Doctor: _____

Name of School: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Grade: _____ Schedule: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Babysitter Contact Info (if applicable): _____

Work Place: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Work Phone: _____

Child's Name: _____

Child's Favorite Toy: _____

Place and Date of Birth: _____

U.S. Citizen (circle one): Yes / No

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OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

LAWYER CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Attorney: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

CONSULATE CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Consulate: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

Name of Church: _____

Name of Priest, Pastor: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

LEGAL GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address: _____

Place and Date of Birth: _____

Work Place: _____

Work Schedule: _____

Work Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN THE USA

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OTHER EMERGENCY CONTACTS IN YOUR COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

INFORMATION OF YOUR LANDLORD

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Name of Organization: _____

Name of Person to contact: _____

Phone Number: _____

Address: _____

INFORMATION ABOUT CHOOSING A TEMPORARY LEGAL GUARDIAN

You can prepare a **Letter of Guardianship** for all of your children under the age of 18. The Temporary Guardianship letter is important to make sure your children are protected if ICE arrests you and your partner.

If the guardianship is for less than one year (365 days), the letter does not have to be done by a lawyer unless that is what you want to do.

After you have completed this packet, if you would like to make a notarized guardianship letter, you can contact:

Chicago Volunteer Legal Services
(312) 332-1624, cvls.org

REAL ESTATE POWER OF ATTORNEY

You should get a real state power of Attorney document if you have any properties in the United States and would like to leave a person in charge in case you would like that person to be responsible for your assets or if you would like your assets to be sold.

REAL ESTATE LAWYERS

If you have any questions about what will happen to your home and other property, or would like legal help writing a power of attorney letter, contact:

LEGAL AID CHICAGO

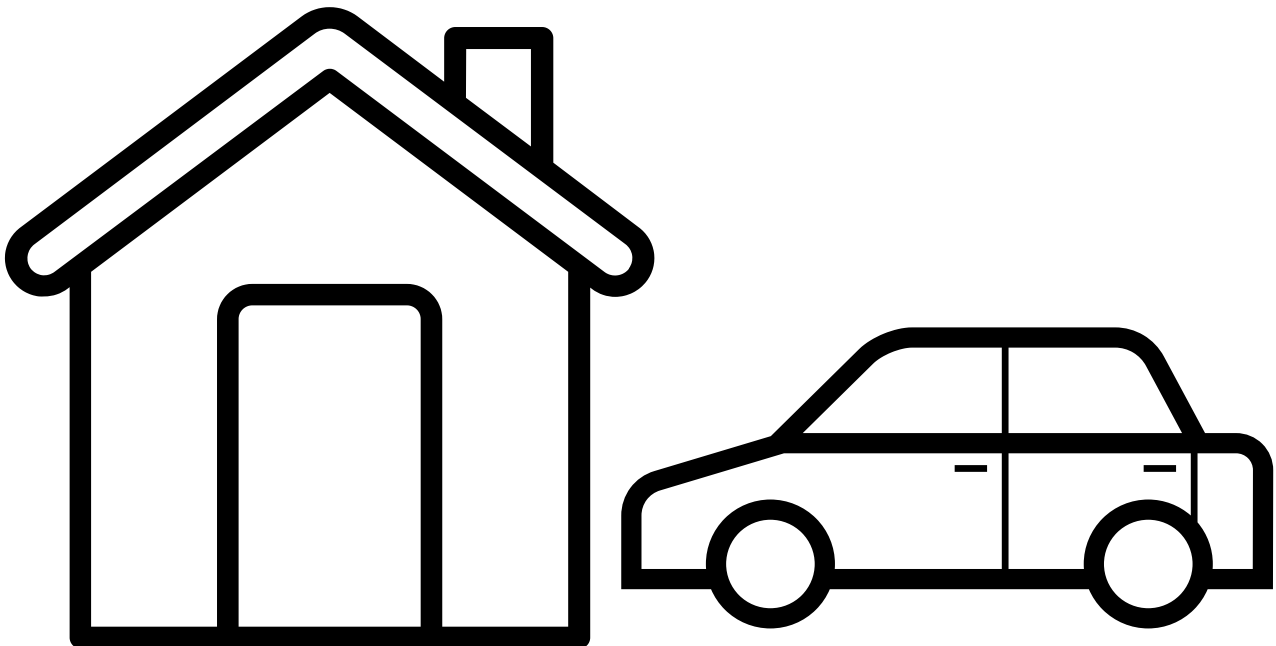
Phone: (312) 341-1070

Address: 120 S La Salle St Ste 900, Chicago, IL 60603

CHICAGO VOLUNTER LEGAL SERVICES

Phone: (312) 332-1624

Address: 33 N Dearborn St #400 Chicago, IL 60602



CHECK LIST OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS YOU MAY NEED:

Identification Documents:

1. ___ Birth Certificates for you and your children.
2. ___ Social Security Cards.
3. ___ Consulate ID and/or Identifications for everyone in the family.
4. ___ Passports for you and your children. Children must have passports to leave the country. Both parents must go in person in order to request passports for children.

Medical Documents:

5. ___ Medical Records.
6. ___ List of medications.
7. ___ Doctor's information: full name and address.
8. ___ Clinic where your children are patients.
9. ___ Immunization records.

School:

10. ___ School information where children are enrolled.
11. ___ Updated emergency contact at school.
12. ___ Teachers' names and your children's grades.
13. ___ Copy of Individualize Education Plans (IEP).

Property and Financial Information:

14. ___ Notarized short term guardianship letters.
15. ___ List of property (house and cars).
16. ___ List of banks that you have accounts with. We recommend that you consider the option of online banking so you can have access to your accounts online.
17. ___ Bank account numbers and bank information.
18. ___ Photocopies of credit and identification cards.
19. ___ Real estate power of attorney letter.
20. ___ Income tax documents for the last five years of filed income taxes.
21. ___ Insurance policies (life, car, house etc.).
22. ___ 401K or other retirement accounts information and documents.
23. ___ Information on how to transfer your bank account to another country.

CHECK LIST OF IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS YOU MAY NEED:

Residency and good moral character:

24. ___ Utility bills.

25. ___ Documents that prove your entry into the United States or that otherwise demonstrate your presence in the U.S since arrival.

26. ___ Documents that prove good moral character (certificates of perfect attendance from work, volunteer award certificates, and/or volunteer recognition letters).

27. ___ Documents that prove continuous residency (employment records, medical records, financial documents, etc.).

Other Tips/Information:

28. ___ For men: register for the Selective Service. Go to www.sss.gov for information.

29. ___ Keep your most up-to-date documents together in a safe place.

Location of Important Documents: _____

30. Other Important Information: _____

ORGANIZATION WITH IMMIGRATION SERVICES

If you or a family member is detained by ICE call the following organizations

- They will be able to help you locate your family member and check the status of their detention:

ICIRR FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK HOTLINE:

- What is the ICIRR Family Support Network Hotline?
 - Toll-free hotline offers help to Illinois families facing deportation. The hotline is staffed by trained volunteers who will listen to families and offer referrals to lawyers, social service agencies, pastors, and other community supports.
- The hotline is staffed in English, Spanish, Polish and Korean.
- Phone: 1-855-HELP-MY-Family (1-855-435-7693)

NATIONAL IMMIGRANT JUSTICE CENTER:

- NIJC offers help to people who need immigration services at low cost. Please call if you have any questions or if you are detained by ICE.
- Phone: (312) 660-1370

If You Have Pending Immigration Cases and Have Questions, Call:

LATINOS PROGRESANDO:

- Phone: (773) 542-7077
- Address: 2724 W Cermak Rd, Chicago, IL 60608

BEYOND LEGAL AID

- Phone: (872)-267-2252
- Address: 17 N State Street, Ste #1380, Chicago, IL 60602

NORTHERN ILLINOIS JUSTICE FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

- Phone: (773) 609-4401
- Address: 77 W Washington Street, Ste 814, Chicago, IL 60602