

GETTING BY IN THE U.S. AS AN IMMIGRANT:

1. HOW TO PROTECT YOUR FAMILY & PROPERTY IN THE EVENT OF A RAID

PLANS TO MAKE IN ADVANCE

1) Give Contact Information to Your Family

Make sure family members know who to contact if you are detained, so that they can locate you and/or get you help:

- Your immigration attorney
- Your Consulate
- Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Office of Detention and Removal Operations 202-305-2734

Family members should have your Alien Registration Number (“A Number”), full name, and date of birth when they call.

2) Make Arrangements for Childcare and Eldercare

Make arrangements ahead of time to have someone care for your children and/or elderly relatives. Give the caregiver the names and phone numbers of your children’s schools, family members’ doctors, anyone’s special needs, etc. in advance. Tell your family how to contact the emergency caregiver if you are detained.

Always Carry the Following Items With You:

- ✓ Identification
 - NEVER carry false identification
 - If you are undocumented, you may not want to carry ID because it could be used against you in deportation proceedings.
- ✓ Contact information of:
 - An immigration attorney
 - Your consulate
 - Family members
- ✓ Prepaid calling card
- ✓ Medical/prescription info
- ✓ A “Know Your Rights Card”:

MY RIGHTS CARD

I am giving this to you because I do not wish to speak to you or have any further contact with you. I choose to exercise my right to remain silent and to refuse to answer your questions. I want to speak with a lawyer before answering your questions.

I want to contact this attorney or organization:

3) Make a Plan with Co-Workers

If possible, speak with your coworkers and see if they will agree to remain silent, ask to speak with an attorney, and continue working in the event of a raid. Ask all your coworkers to agree to the plan, no matter their immigration status.

4) Safeguard important documents:

Safeguard documents that may be useful in the event of an immigration raid, including:

- Passports
- Birth certificates
- Marriage certificates
- Documents filed with immigration
- Documents received from immigration
- Tax returns

Tell a friend or family member who you trust where these documents are kept.

5) Prepare and Sign a Power of Attorney, if You Think You Need One

A Power of Attorney authorizes someone to act on your behalf in a legal or business matter. A person with a Power of Attorney can:

- Be an emergency caregiver to your children
- Make decisions about property
- Gain access to your bank account
- Pick up your paycheck

Requirements are different in each state. In Philadelphia, call Philadelphia Legal Assistance at 215-981-3800 for help in creating a Power of Attorney.



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