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TO DATE:

The focus of enforcement has been individuals from the 7 countries named by President Trump in his Executive Order, as well as those with prior deportation orders or those with criminal histories and those apprehended on the southern border. This applies to a small portion of the Irish Community.

BE PREPARED:

1. Given the change in immigration enforcement policy and implementation, the immigrant community is strongly advised to be vigilant in obeying all local and state laws, especially when driving.
2. Ensure that you are seeking legal advice from a qualified immigration attorney. If you require a referral or second opinion, contact your local Irish Center.
3. Those who have a pending deportation order and/or check-ins with ICE, should speak to a lawyer immediately.
4. It is important for those who feel they are at risk of deportation to speak to a lawyer and be screened for possible benefits or relief.
5. Have an emergency and family plan in place in case of arrest, especially involving children.
6. Make sure all vital documents are kept in a safe place, and are available to family members or friends.

- Passports
- Birth Certificates
- Marriage License (if applicable)
- Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit
- Any restraining orders you may have against anyone (If applicable)
- A-Number & any immigration documents (work permit, green card, visa, etc.)
- Drivers License &/or other Identification Cards
- Social Security Card or ITIN (Individual Taxpayer Identification Number)
- Registry of birth (for US born children registered in parent's home country, if applicable)
- Emergency Numbers & Important Contact Info.
- Children's Medical Information, including insurance, medication list, doctors contact information, etc.
- Important children's information: school details, points of contact etc.
- Any other documents you need to access quickly

7. Be wary of rumors about ICE activity, ICE raids or immigration policy changes. Irish immigration centers are available to provide current, accurate and reliable information, regardless of where you live. Find your closest center: www.ciic-usa.org/find-your-local-irish-center/

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OVERVIEW: RECENT ICE ENFORCEMENT

ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) has recently carried out focused enforcement actions and community arrests of around 680 noncitizens, most with criminal histories or prior orders of deportation. This operation was not unlike previous enforcement actions in the past. However, there have been some reports of secondary arrests of individuals who were not the original focus of the enforcement efforts, resulting from the fact that ICE now has broader authority to arrest anyone who is undocumented.

ADVICE FOR VISA WAIVER OVERSTAYS

Always carry at least a copy of any valid immigration document with you, including a green card, work permit or passport with a visa stamp and I-94 entry record.

Do not lie or present any false documents.

If you encounter ICE officers & you are a VWP Overstay:

1. You have the right to remain silent. You can refuse to speak to immigration officers
2. If ICE come to your home, do NOT open the door, unless there is a warrant signed by a judge with your name. ICE may not enter your home unless they have a warrant signed by a judge OR your consent.

NOTE: ICE officers will usually appear early morning or evening to a home. They will often present themselves as police, other law enforcement or even a courier service. If you are unsure who is at your door, do not open it. If ICE officers identify themselves and state they have a warrant, ask them to slide it under the door and ensure YOUR name is on the warrant before you comply and that the warrant is signed by a judge giving authorization to arrest someone at your address.

If you are taken into custody by ICE & you are a VWP Overstay:

1. You have the right to speak to a lawyer.
2. You can answer questions about your place of birth, your immigration status, how you entered the U.S. Answering these questions may speed up the removal process.
3. You should identify any close relatives in the United States, particularly if you are married to a U.S. Citizen (USC) or have USC children.
4. You should let the officer know if you have any medical issues or are a caregiver for another relative.
5. You should NOT answer any questions about your work history in the U.S. unless a lawyer is present.
6. You have the right to contact your Consulate or have an officer inform the Consulate of your arrest. Contact information for Irish Consulates can be found at www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/usa/
7. Before you sign anything, speak to a lawyer whenever possible. The only thing you should sign is an offer for a bond hearing. The form will clearly ask: Do you/Do you not request a bond hearing?

NOTE: If you encounter ICE and you have a nonimmigrant visa violation, the above list remains the same. Identify yourself and relatives, BUT do not talk about work/other activities in the U.S.

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YOUR LOCAL IRISH IMMIGRATION CENTER

Your local Irish Immigration Center is here to provide you with accurate & up to date information.

Find your local Irish Center here and make sure you have their number in your phone.

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