



# Emergency Plan in Case of the Detention or Deportation of Family Members

## Prepare a Plan:

1. With your spouse and other adults in the home, make a list that everyone can see of friends and family members that can help in case a member of your family is detained.
2. Find someone who will take care of your in children if you or your spouse is deported. Speak with the person about the responsibilities of caring for your children. If it is possible put some money aside to help with the expenses and the loss of income of a detained person.
3. If it is possible, save money in an emergency fund to help with the costs and the loss of income if someone is detained.
4. If you have US Citizen children make sure they have US Passports in case your deportation makes it necessary for them to travel outside of the US.
5. Forms are available at all US Post Offices.
6. Make photocopies of all your immigration documents. Keep a copy of all your documents with a friend or family member that you trust.
5. Make a list of things that the children should do if their parents do not come home when they are supposed to.
6. Make a list of things that the parent or guardian can do in case of deportation or detention.
  - a. Call a community agency that gives legal help of immigration.
  - b. If a family member or friend is detained and does not have a lawyer this person or a family member can call The Legal Aid Society Immigration Hotline:

**844-955-3425**

- If someone is detained and you do not know where they are you can call ICE at 212.264.5085 or search online at [www.ice.gov/locator](http://www.ice.gov/locator)
  - Keep a list of family members and their numbers in your country of origin to call in an emergency.
7. Always carry with you telephone numbers of legal service providers and family members who you can call in case you are detained.
  8. Remember, if you are picked up by ICE agents you have the right to remain silent! You must give your name and present identification, but do not need to answer the officers other questions or sign documents that you don't understand.
  9. If an officer arrives at your home they can only enter with a search warrant signed by a Judge **OR** if someone in the house allows them to enter. If you suspect that ICE agents are at your home and they do not have a search warrant, **DO NOT** open the door.

Know your rights! Keep informed of all the rights you have before your family is affected.

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