



## Before a raid, families should:

- **Identify a local nonprofit organization that can help you.** Find out who in your community provides free legal support services (e.g., immigration advocates, legal aid organizations, churches or worker centers).
- **Identify an attorney.** Find out the name and phone number of a reliable immigration attorney ahead of time and keep this information with you at all times.
- **Obtain a “know your rights” card.** These cards state that you would like to exercise your right to remain silent and that you would like to speak to an attorney. The name and phone number of your attorney should be listed on the card.
- **Advise family members who do not want to be questioned by ICE to stay away, if a raid occurs, from the place of the raid and where the detainees are held.**
- **Start saving money.** You’ll need money to hire an attorney and for toiletries and food during detention. It’s best to start saving now.
- **Create a family immigration raid emergency plan.**

## Questions families should address in order to prepare for an immigration raid

- Who will take care of my children (family member and/or legal guardian)?
- Who can sign a power of attorney?
- Who will have access to my assets (bank accounts, car, home, etc.)?
- How and where can I find legal help? What are the forms I need to have ready to be able to receive this legal help?
- How can I find my loved one in detention?
- What are a person’s rights in detention?
- How do I know if my loved one can pay bond?
- How can I fundraise to pay for a bond or an attorney’s legal services?
- What can I do to help my loved one?
- Who or what organizations can help me?

# Know your Rights

Information for patients and families



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## WHAT TO DO IF ICE COMES TO YOUR DOOR



### DO NOT OPEN DOORS

ICE cannot come in without a signed judicial warrant. Tell them to pass the warrant under the door before you open it. Remember, 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

Don't sign anything ICE gives you without talking to an attorney.



### REPORT & RECORD!

Take pictures & video unless you're on official government property. Take notes of badge numbers, number of agents, time, type of car and exactly what happened!



### FIGHT BACK!

Get a trustworthy attorney, contact a local immigrant rights organization and explore all options to fight your case. If detained, you may be able to get bail—don't give up hope.



# Creating a family immigration raid emergency plan

Some parents at risk of deportation may be reluctant to develop an emergency plan or even talk to their children about the risk of separation, but it's extremely important to be prepared. An emergency plan can help ease anxiety of the unknown, increase the chances of families being able to stay together should separation occur, and keep children from unnecessarily entering the child welfare system. Parents should create a plan and share as much of that plan as possible with their children. Don't wait—be proactive and plan ahead.

## Getting started:

### Seven steps to help prepare your family for an immigration raid

- 1 **Identify a legal aid organization**, legal advocate or pro bono attorney, and write down the organization's or person's contact information.
- 2 **Identify at least two willing caregivers** and write down their complete contact information.
- 3 **Collect important documents for children**, such as passports, birth certificates, Social Security cards, and school and medical records.
- 4 **Save money for legal fees/bonds**. Write down your information regarding financial records, bank statements, savings accounts, credit cards, etc.
- 5 **Consider establishing a power of attorney** for a designated caregiver, authorizing that adult to care for your children under the age of 18.
- 6 **Do not carry any false documents**.
- 7 **Have your documents ready and organized**: passports, IDs, attorney contact information, financial records, letters from immigration, and your Alien Registration Number, or A-Number, if you have a pending immigration case. All of these documents should be organized in a folder or binder for easy access in a place where your children, housemates or trusted relatives will be able to access it in case of an emergency.