

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLANNING

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

Every person, documented or undocumented, has rights in the U.S.A.

Do not open the door for ICE or any police officer without a signed warrant.

You do not have to talk to ICE or answer their questions. **You have the right to remain silent and can refuse to answer ICE's questions.** Say that you want to remain silent until you speak with a lawyer.

Do not answer any questions, especially about your birthplace, immigration status, or how you entered the United States.

Do not give ICE any personal information about yourself or anyone in your family.

Have your children and others in your family and household practice saying "No" to ICE.

You have the right to refuse searches.

Locating your loved one in an ICE detention facility:

To find relatives in ICE custody, use the "Online Detainee Locator System" (ODLS) on the ICE website, where you can search by their full name, country of birth, date of birth, or their A-number (alien registration number) if available. Their information is usually available within 48 hours at the following link: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>

You **CAN** call a relative in an ICE detention facility, but you will need to contact the specific facility to find out their procedures for phone calls, which may include limitations on call duration and who is allowed to receive calls from detainees.

Tips for Family Preparedness Planning:

- **All families**, regardless of immigration status, **should be prepared for unexpected emergencies.**
- Have a childcare plan so that a trusted adult can care for your child if you cannot.
- The person you designate to care for your children should be a U.S. citizen or someone with immigration status who does not also face the threat of detention or deportation.
- Make sure that person knows they will be listed as an emergency contact and knows how to access all of your important documents and information.
- Update emergency contact sheets and release forms to include the names of those who can and cannot pick up your children.
- Write down instructions if your child has any medical conditions and /or takes any medications. Keep a copy for yourself, for your caretaker, and give a copy to your child's school.

If you are separated from your children by ICE...

- Assert your parental rights by telling the officers you have children and you need to make a phone call to arrange care so they will not be taken into custody.
- Arrange a caretaker for your children in advance and sign a Financial Power of Attorney form in front of a notary public.

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