

QUICK GUIDE FOR IMMIGRANT FAMILIES

Essential Information for Safety and Preparedness



KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

⚠ CRITICAL: Rights are often NOT being honored by ICE. The goal is to stay safe.

If Approached by ICE:

1. **Stay calm and polite** – Do not argue, run, or make sudden movements
2. **Keep hands visible** – Never reach for anything without being asked
3. **Ask who they are** – Request identification if they are in plain clothes
4. **Speak English if possible** – If asked a question in Spanish, ask which language they prefer
5. **Have someone record the encounter** – Important for potential legal action later
6. **Do NOT run** – Running can result in being shot

If ICE Comes to Your Home:

- **Do NOT open the door** without seeing a judicial warrant (signed by a federal judge)
- Ask to see the warrant through a window or under the door
- Administrative warrants are NOT sufficient – they need a judicial warrant from Federal District Court
- If they enter without a warrant, record everything and contact an attorney immediately
- You can call the police if ICE refuses to properly identify themselves

DOCUMENTS TO CARRY AT ALL TIMES

Carry copies (or originals) of the appropriate documents for your status:

Your Status	Documents to Carry
U.S. Citizen	Passport card or Real ID
Permanent Resident	Green card + certified court records if you have ANY criminal history (even dismissed cases or old DUIs)
Work Visa (H-1B, R-1, etc.)	Most recent approval notice, I-94 form, valid visa (if applicable), recent paycheck
Student Visa	I-20 form, proof of admission, work authorization card (if you have one)
Pending Application	Receipt notice + documentation of your underlying status (what you came to U.S. as)

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Prepare NOW Before an Emergency:

7. **Write an attorney's phone number on your arm** (in permanent marker)

8. **Have emergency contacts** written down for all family members
9. **Prepare Power of Attorney documents** for someone to care for your children
10. **Complete Designation of Parental Authority forms**
11. **Carry essential medications** with you at all times (insulin, inhalers, etc.)
12. **Always go out with a buddy** who can film encounters and call for help
13. **Delete all social media accounts** – ICE is monitoring social media

IF SOMEONE IS DETAINED

Immediate Steps:

14. **Contact an immigration attorney IMMEDIATELY**
15. **Search for them:** Use the ICE Online Detainee Locator (search 'ICE finder')
16. **If you can't find them:** Contact Senator Tina Smith's office for help
17. **File habeas corpus quickly** – This prevents transfer out of state
18. **Notify family, employer, church immediately**

Current Minnesota Detention Locations:

- Whipple Federal Building (Fort Snelling) – initial processing
- Sherburne County Jail
- Kanabec County Jail (Wilmar)

Many people are being quickly transferred to Texas for deportation.

TRAVEL WARNING

DO NOT TRAVEL outside the United States unless absolutely necessary

ICE is now operating at airports. Even people with valid status are being detained. If you need a visa to return, processing may take months or be denied. Even green card holders with old criminal records are being detained when re-entering.

STAYING INFORMED

Get information from TRUSTED sources only:

- **Local newspapers:** Star Tribune, Pioneer Press
- **Public radio (NPR)**
- **Legal organizations:** AILA, American Immigration Council, Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota
- **Your immigration attorney**

AVOID these sources:

- Social media (Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, Instagram)
- Chat rooms and Reddit
- Fox News (entertainment, not news)

MESSAGE OF HOPE

This situation may feel hopeless, but it is NOT always hopeless.

Federal courts are separate from ICE and are committed to truth and constitutional rights. Habeas corpus petitions are succeeding. This crisis WILL pass. You are not alone.

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