Preparing in Advance for Possible ICE Detention

☐ Legal & Emergency Contacts

☐ Decide on a trusted person who you will call if you are detained. (Friend or family member, preferably a U.S. citizen or legal resident.)

☐ Memorize your trusted person's phone number

☐ Choose an immigration attorney from the MN attorney list

☐ Memorize attorney's phone number or keep it on a card

☐ Post the If Detained - What to do Immediately and MN attorney list document in your home

☐ Share the If Detained - What to do Immediately and MN attorney list with your trusted person

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☐ Children & Dependents

☐ Set up a Power of Attorney with a trusted person

- Information about Power of Attorney here and forms here
- The Power of Attorney forms must be notarized. Northfield Public Library has notaries on staff who will notarize for free

If you have minor children:

☐ Choose a trusted caregiver (preferably U.S. citizen or legal resident)

☐ Complete a Delegation of Parental Authority (DOPA)

- Information about DOPA here and forms here
- The DOPA must be notarized. Northfield Public Library has notaries on staff who will notarize for free

☐ Give DOPA contact information to schools- if they accept it

☐ If your minor child is a U.S. citizen, get them a passport.

- Find out how to get a U.S. passport here
- NSN will cover passport fees for children, partners, and citizens at risk

☐ Create a care plan for children, elders, or others you support

☐ Include medications, allergies, doctors, and insurance info

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☐ Finances & Bills

☐ Add a trusted person to your bank account

☐ Make a list of bills to be paid (rent/mortgage, utilities, insurance, legal fees)

☐ Write down due dates for each bill

☐ Create a power of attorney with a trusted person who can manage your finances

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☐ Important Documents

Keep in one folder and tell trusted people where it is. If documents are in a safe, make sure the key is accessible to them and not carried with you.

☐ Copies of ID cards

☐ Copies of immigration documents

☐ Alien Registration Number (A-Number), if you have one

☐ Birth certificates (family)

☐ DOPA (if applicable)

☐ Social Security cards (family)

☐ Marriage certificate (if applicable)

☐ Restraining orders (if applicable)

☐ Written immigration history for your lawyer:

- Date you entered the U.S.
- Any travel outside the U.S.
- Any contact with immigration or border enforcement
- Any criminal history

☐ Copies of last 5 years of tax returns

☐ Proof of housing (rent/mortgage, utility bills)

☐ Medical records for yourself

☐ Information about your employer

☐ Passports & Safe Storage

☐ U.S. passports for U.S.-citizen children

☐ Store passports with important documents

If you have a safe deposit box:

☐ Keep the key with your documents

⚠️ If the key is taken with you, no one else can access the box

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☐ Family Awareness & Planning

☐ Share your plan with family

☐ Share any specific wishes

☐ Make sure family knows to contact a lawyer immediately and they have the MN attorney list and the If Detained - What to do Immediately document

☐ Make sure family knows how to find you:

- ICE Detainee Locator: https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search
- They will need your A-Number and country of birth
- You will only show up in the ICE locator once you have been checked into a detention facility (like in El Paso) - not while you are being processed at the Whipple Center

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☐ Know Your Rights

If detained:

☐ 🛑 Stay silent - do not talk or answer questions.

- Say: “I am using my right to stay silent.”
- Ask: “Where am I being detained?”
- Ask: “What is my A number?”

☐ 🛑 Do not sign anything

☐ Ask for your phone call - call your trusted person (friend, family member, or attorney - preferably a US citizen)

☐ Know What To Do at Whipple

☐ Call your trusted person and tell them your Alien or A number

- If ICE doesn’t give you your A number, ask for it

⚠️ Your A number will be necessary to establish contact once you are in ICE detention

☐ Ask your trusted person to contact a lawyer **immediately** - within 1-2 hours

- You need the lawyer to file a habeas petition as quickly as possible on the same day you are detained

☐ If you live in Rice County, ask your trusted person to call NSN (507-246-2109) for help contacting a lawyer if you do not already have one

☐ Write any phone numbers you need on your arm

⚠️ You will not have your phone while detained