

# Preparing in Advance for Possible ICE Detention

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## 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.
    - Information about applying passports [here](#)
    - You can apply for the passports at the Northfield Library
    - If you need assistance, call NSN (507) 246-2109
  - 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

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- Copies of last 5 years of tax returns
  - Proof of housing (rent/mortgage, utility bills)
  - Medical records for yourself
  - Information about your employer
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## **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 immigration lawyer 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)
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## **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