

Emergency Plan Checklist

A companion guide from La Esperanza — Creating an emergency plan to keep your family safe

You can protect your family by preparing now, before an emergency happens. Use this checklist to build your plan, one step at a time. This page goes with our Know Your Rights guide.

Step 1: Legal help and family decisions

- Find an attorney or accredited representative who can help you in an emergency
- Attend all of your immigration appointments
- Decide who will take care of your children in an emergency
- Ask a lawyer about signing a power of attorney

Step 2: Get your documents and money ready

- Register with your local consulate
- Save money for rent, food, medicine, and other needs in case you are detained
- Make copies of your immigration papers and other important documents, and keep them in a safe place
- Memorize important information:
 - Important phone numbers
 - Your A-number (Alien Registration Number), if you have one

Step 3: Build community connections

- Apply for a driver's privilege card
- Build a relationship with your church, parish, or a community center
- Help your neighbors and others in your community prepare too
- Review your emergency plan with your family

Planning resources

Legal assistance

cliniclegal.org

Know Your Rights toolkit

ilrc.org/resources/community/know-your-rights-toolkit

Community resources

ilrc.org/community-resources

nilc.org/get-involved/community-education-resources/know-your-rights

Need help building your plan?

La Esperanza can help you create your emergency plan.

- Department of Justice Recognized Organization
- Family-Based Immigration

- Unaccompanied Children's Program
- General Immigration Counsel

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