

Emergency planning

Household preparedness

Discuss where your children will go if they are in school or daycare at the time of the emergency. Make sure your children know who may be picking them up and where they will be taken if you are the one affected and that they understand where you will intend to be if you are not the one affected.

- Your plan should also address the needs and care of pets, family members with special needs, and safely shutting off utilities.
- Look at the child pick-up authorization form for their school and/or daycare – add 1 person not currently on your authorized pick-up list.
- Consider completing a durable Power of Attorney in case of an extended absence
- from home life.
- Print out [Know Your Rights Red Card](#) and put inside front door as well as inside every bedroom door: include the phone number of your household's emergency contact person

Who is your first call to implement your emergency plan?

- This can be another member of your church, a neighbor, or extended family
- Ideally they will be someone who can quickly respond to a text or call from you and then begin to reach out to up to 3 more people (a lawyer, a child pick-up person, and one more person attuned to your particular household needs) and serve as a point person

Are you the only person in your household?

- Who will you first call in an emergency – if you are detained or in crisis? Ideally someone nearby who can begin implementing your plan
- Is there someone elsewhere who will need to be notified who can assist from afar?
- Who can you be a resource for?

Community preparedness

Who are *you* to others?

- Is there someone you could serve as a first-call, point person for? Reach out to them to initiate a supportive conversation.
- Are you positioned to do child-pickup and safeguarding? Well-connected with community organizations or professionally situated to help with legal, medical, or other needs?

How to find people who've been moved to detention facilities

<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/#/search>

Faith Community preparedness

Host a gathering where any and all families, regardless of status, can come establish their emergency plans AND where a team from your church/neighborhood can plan to be a resource in times of emergency

Resource people to identify, first within your faith community membership, then outside (think about nearby communities of any faith denomination, local organizations and agencies)

- Legal professionals – if not immigration lawyers, can still help with Powers of Attorney and also with developing 'who to call if...' lists
- School employees – knowledge of 'know your rights' and student/family situations across the broader community, how church may support a nearby school
- Local law enforcement – knowledge of current ICE requests for support or community concerns
- Notary – for Powers of Attorney
- Mental health professionals – help prepare more people to serve Mental Health First Aid and think about communal practices for trauma-informed communal practices
- Non-profit or community workers involved with immigrant communities – can help gather a call list for different resources people and families might need

Hosting emergency response preparedness workshops for any and all households, regardless of status, helps to build stronger, more resilient households, neighborhoods, and communities, and makes it safer for the most vulnerable to attend.