

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS CREATE AN EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

If you or a loved one are at risk of deportation, make an emergency plan for the following:

MAKE A CHILD CARE PLAN

There are various ways to plan for another adult to care for your child if you are unable to do so. Some of the options in California are:

1. Verbal Agreement:

A Verbal Agreement is the most informal arrangement to let another adult know of your wishes for your child and to verbally agree with them that they will carry out your wishes to care for your child if you cannot.

The benefit of this is that it is informal and easy – you do not need to complete any forms or legal documents, and such an agreement will not affect your parental rights.

The downside of this informal arrangement is that your chosen caregiver will not have legal authority to make medical or school-related decisions on behalf of your child, which would be problematic if you were deported and unable to care for your child for an extended period of time.

2. Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit ("CAA"):

A written agreement that allows another adult to care for your child if you are unable to is called a Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit ("CAA"). The CAA allows another adult to make certain school and medical decisions on behalf of your child.

The benefit of this approach is that the CAA can be given to your child's school or health care provider so that your chosen caregiver can make certain decisions for the child, and it does not affect your parental rights (you still have custody and control of your child).

This form is available for free download at: <https://www4.courts.ca.gov/documents/caregiver.pdf>.
Please note: the Caregiver's Authorization Affidavit can only be used in California.

A Note on Power of Attorney.

In California, we do not recommend that a power of attorney be used to designate another person to care for your child.

WRITE DOWN INSTRUCTIONS IF YOUR CHILD HAS ANY MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND /OR TAKES ANY MEDICATIONS

- Make sure to write down any medical conditions or allergies your child has, any medications that your child takes, as well as doctor and health insurance information.
- Keep a copy of this information in your important documents file.

- Give a copy to your child's school and the adult you designate to care for your child.
- Let your child know where to find this information if you are not around.

MAKE SURE YOUR CHILDREN ALL HAVE PASSPORTS

- If your child was born in the United States, visit www.travel.state.gov for more information on obtaining a U.S. passport.
- If your child was born in a different country, check with the embassy or consulate for more information on obtaining a passport.

INFORM YOUR FAMILY AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS ABOUT HOW TO FIND YOU IF YOU ARE DETAINED BY ICE

- Family members can use the ICE detainee locator: <https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do> to find someone in ICE custody.
- Be sure your family and emergency contacts have a copy of your A-Number (your registration number found on your immigration documents from ICE), if you have one.

TALK TO YOUR FAMILY ABOUT YOUR PLAN

- Without worrying them, assure your children that they will be taken care of if, for some reason, you are unable to care for them, even for a short time.
- Let them know who will care for them until you can.

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