

INDIANAPOLIS IMMIGRATION RESOURCES

Plus, ways you can help

I'm an immigrant who needs resources.

1. What documents should I carry?

- **DO** carry copies of valid documentation related to your status in the U.S., such as a green card, work permit or visa.
- **DO** give a family member or close friend access to your original documents.
- **DON'T** carry documents from another country, like your passport.

2. What should I do in an interaction with law enforcement?

- **DON'T** open your door. ICE warrants do not give officers the power to enter a private home. They would need a federal warrant signed by a judge to enter your home.
- **DON'T** resist arrest.
- **DO** remain silent. In Indiana, by law, [you must tell an officer your name](#) (IC 34-28-5-3.5). You don't have to share any other information.

3. What can I do to prepare in case I am deported?

- **Create an emergency plan** with your family. Here's a [blank plan](#).
- **Memorize your A-number** from your immigrant data summary. It is the letter "A" followed by 8-9 numbers. Give the number to your family, so they can locate where ICE is detaining you.
- **Designate a permanent resident or citizen** to take care of your kids. Here is [a resource about appointing a legal guardian](#).
- **Give a permanent resident or citizen the information** for your bank account. If you own a business, make sure someone else knows how to operate it.

4. How do I find an immigration lawyer?

- **Search a database.** You can find lawyers from the [American Immigration Lawyers Association](#) or [National Immigration Legal Services directory](#).
- **Note:** Immigration lawyers often charge flat fees, instead of hourly charges.

5. Where can I go to get basic needs filled?

- [Grassroot Projects](#) offers care packages. They give away diapers, food and clothes. They also fund summer camps or tutoring for kids.
- [Gleaners](#), a food bank, does not require an ID to get food. They also deliver.
- **The Immigrant Welcome Center's** can help you learn English, find a job and connect you to resources. [Find more resources on their site.](#)

How to prepare in case ICE approaches you

- Memorize the phone number of a family member or an immigration lawyer.
- Carry a red "Know your rights" card. You can [download and print one](#). If you need a printer, the Indianapolis Public Library charges 15 cents per page.
- Watch "[Know your rights](#)" videos from [Patchwork Indy](#) in several languages.

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6. Other common questions

- Should I still file taxes if I am undocumented? [The IRS made an agreement with ICE](#) to share private tax information that will help ICE locate people who have final removal orders. So, there are risks. However, if you made income in the U.S., you are legally required to file taxes.
- Can I call 911 in an emergency? Yes. IMPD and the sheriff's office in Indianapolis don't have what's called a 287 g agreement, which means they would collaborate with ICE.
- Should I travel out of the U.S.? This depends on your status. It can be [risky for those with visas to return to the U.S.](#)

Ritu Chokshi, a local immigration lawyer, assisted with the answers to these three questions.

I care about an immigrant. What can I do to help?

1. How can I get involved locally?

- **Donate** to organizations like the [Immigrant Welcome Center](#), [Patchwork Indy](#), [Midwest Immigration Bond Fund](#) or [Grassroot Projects](#). You can also volunteer with them.
- **If you're a nonprofit or business owner**, you can [bulk order red "Know Your Rights" cards](#) and hand them out.
- **Share** resources on social media, like these ["know your rights" videos](#) in different languages.

2. What do I do if someone I care about is getting arrested?

- **DON'T** try to stop the arrest.
- **DO** write down what happened during the arrest or take a video.
- **Afterward**, use locator.ice.gov to find where your friend or family member is being detained.
- **You can** [apply for the Midwest Immigration Bond Fund](#) to post bail for someone held in ICE custody.



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