

BE PREPARED -- FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The following lists are suggestions recommended by a variety of legal immigrant protection organizations. These lists were compiled with care and concern for the protection and well being of all of our neighbors and our communities.

MEMORIZE OR CARRY WITH YOU

Memorize these phone numbers:

Close family member

Lawyer

Consulate of your birth country

Always carry these documents with you:

Driver's license

Photo ID

Work authorization

copy of your consulate registration number

Green Card (if you have this)

Proof of court date

Border crossing information/entry documents

Immigrant status when you crossed

Immigrant status now

Immigrant A number and/or alien registration number

Consider memorizing you immigrant A number

Do Not Carry:

Foreign passport

Foreign identification

DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION TO KEEP SAFE AND AVAILABLE:

Documents to keep at home in a folder in a safe place:

Passports

Birth certificates

Marriage license

Insurance documents

Copies of medical prescriptions and Doctor's phone number

Family court documents

Driver's license (copy)

Independent Taxpayer number and/or Social Security number (SSN)

Completed "Caregiver Authorization Affidavit"

Children's vital information form

emergency contacts (taped in a visible place like on the refrigerator)

Things all appropriate friends/family should know:

Location of Household cash and ATM access

Location of Phone cards

Pertinent financial information re: bank accounts

Copies of medical prescriptions and Doctor's phone number

Immigrant A number

Lawyer's name and number

Phone password

**Questions to keep in a visible place (taped to your refrigerator)
– to ask if you get a call from someone in detention:**

Are you OK, how are you doing?

Where are you being held?

Have you been arrested or detained? Are you charged with anything?

Who arrested you?

Have you seen a lawyer?

Do you need bail? Do you have a scheduled court date?

Have they given you any papers? What do they say?

Do you need medical help? Do you have your medication?

Do you need copies of your prescriptions?

Do the detention authorities know you take daily medication?

Do you need anything?

A few additional suggestions:

is important to register with your Consulate and to keep a copy of your consulate registration number

Join a supportive community group – faith community, soccer or basketball team, community center

Consider carrying a copy of your rights – like a “red card.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLETING A “CAREGIVER AUTHORIZATION AFFIDAVIT”

Unexpected events can happen to any parent at any time. In order to assure the safety and well being of a child or children, every parent, not just immigrant parents, every parent should complete and have a copy of a Caregiver Authorization Affidavit. This document ensures that – should something unexpected result in a parent not being where they were expected to be — a trusted and responsible adult of your choice, will step in to care for your children until you can return. The encouragement to complete this document cannot be overstated. It can offer a vital level of protection for your children. Please read and carefully consider the “Caregiver Authorization” document below.

OTHER RESOURCES:

Brazilian Resource Center (Cape Cod) <https://healthministryusa.org/>

Immigration Resource Center (Cape Cod) <https://www.cacci.cc/programs/immigration-resource-center/>

Family Preparedness Packet (available in multiple languages) <https://www.masslegalhelp.org/sites/default/files/2024-12/planning-for-family-emergency-packet.pdf>

MIRACoalition.org: :
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SOURCES

Cape Cod Coalition for Safe Communities capesafecomm@gmail.com
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MIRA Coalition. www.miracoalition.org