

ICE Safety Plan (Green Card Holder & Partner)

1. Know Your Rights

- Do **not open the door** unless ICE shows a **judicial warrant signed by a judge** (not an ICE warrant).
- You have the right to **remain silent**; say, "I choose to remain silent."
- You have the right to **speak to a lawyer** before answering questions.
- Do **not sign anything** without a lawyer reviewing it.
- You do not have to let ICE in unless they have a valid warrant with **your correct name and address**.

2. Documents & Emergency Folder

- Keep your **green card and ID in a safe place**, not on you if possible, unless you must travel.
- Create an **emergency folder** with:
 - Copies of your green card, ID, and passports.
 - A list of medications and medical conditions.
 - Emergency contacts (family, lawyer, consulate).
 - Childcare or pet care instructions if applicable.
 - Power of attorney paperwork if needed.
- Store physical and digital copies in safe, accessible places.

3. Family & Partner Safety Plan

- Decide **who to call first** (partner, lawyer, trusted friend) if detained:
- Memorize important phone numbers:
- Arrange **childcare, pet or elder care plans** if relevant:
- Have a **transportation plan** if you need to leave your home quickly:

4. During a Raid

- Stay calm, do not run.
- Ask ICE to **slide the warrant under the door** or show it through a window.

- “I do not consent to a search. I choose to remain silent. Please show me a judicial warrant signed by a judge if you want to enter.”
- Record or write down badge numbers, officer names, and details discreetly.
- Contact your lawyer and your emergency contact list immediately.
- Do not lie; remain silent instead.

5. Legal Preparation

- Keep your **immigration lawyer’s contact information easily accessible**.
- If you do not have a lawyer, locate a **local immigrant rights organization**:
 - United We Dream: 1-844-363-1423
 - National Immigration Law Center: www.nilc.org
 - Local sanctuary networks or immigrant support groups in your city.
- Consider **legal screening for naturalization eligibility** if you have had your green card for over 5 years (or 3 if married to a U.S. citizen).

6. Partner’s Role

- Know where your partner’s documents are kept and how to access them.
- Be prepared to **contact a lawyer and consulate immediately** if they are detained.
- Document the raid: record on your phone (in many states, you have the right to record).
- Have a list of organizations that can help:
 - **Migrant and Immigrant Community Action (MICA) Project**
Immigration legal services and deportation defense
Phone: (314) 995-6995
Website: www.mica-project.org
 - **St. Francis Community Services Immigrant Legal Assistance**
Phone: (314) 977-7300
Website: www.sfcstl.org
 - **Missouri Immigrant and Refugee Advocates (MIRA)** for updates on local ICE activity
Website: www.mira-mo.org

7. Additional Precautions

- Avoid unnecessary travel, especially near border checkpoints.
- Do not share your immigration status publicly or on social media.
- Stay updated on **local ICE activity** via trusted local immigrant support groups.