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 WTIH 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 Affadavit"
- 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:

- It 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 ot 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.

OTHER RESOURCES:

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

LATINX In Action (Cape Cod), inactionlatnx@gmail.com (508) 360-0669, (508) 957-2310,

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

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



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