

## Preparing for Potential Deportation / Removal

### How can I as an undocumented immigrant prepare my family for potential removal / deportation?

The surge of immigrant detentions and removals / deportations

has many undocumented immigrants considering for the first time what will happen if they are deported / removed? Undocumented immigrants who fail to prepare for potential deportation / removal could find themselves having to leave the country without their children or their assets.

Undocumented immigrants across the nation need to take the time to ensure they are in the best possible position should they find themselves facing removal / deportation.

### See if Your Family Has or Can Get Dual Citizenship

Undocumented immigrants will want to see if their entire family can obtain dual citizenship in case they all wish to leave. Children born to undocumented citizens in the U.S. will not usually automatically have citizenship in their parent's native country. Parents should take the time now to apply for citizenship for their children, or a U.S. born spouse. Be sure you have your child's documentation ready, including his or her birth certificate and passport. Having dual citizenship for your family will ensure that if you need to leave the country, you can all smoothly leave together.

### Put Some Money in a Bank Account

Some undocumented immigrants prefer to keep their money in cash, often due to fears of opening a U.S. account. However, if you are suddenly apprehended by immigration and customs enforcement (ICE), you could potentially risk leaving your money stashed away in your home. It is far safer for anyone, including an undocumented immigrant, to put funds in a bank account. You will be able to access the funds from your bank account using your ATM card almost anywhere in the world. You could also transfer the funds to a bank in your home country if necessary.

### Create a Power of Attorney.

With a power of attorney, you can give a named individual power to control your finances or care for your children if you are detained or removed / deported. A power of attorney could prove vital if you and your spouse are detained. The person vested with power for you could liquidate any cars, homes, or bank accounts for your benefit if you are detained.

If you, or a loved one needs help protecting your assets and your family in case of removal / deportation, or for assistance with defending against removal / deportation, contact our experienced immigration law attorneys at NPZ Law Group. Our New Jersey based immigration law firm offers a client satisfaction guarantee and has an unmatched level of client recommendations. Contact our

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