Safety Plan for Abused Immigrants

For a person currently in danger, but not living with violent partner

1. Call 911.

2. Make several copies of your TRO. Keep one copy with you and another copy in a safe place.

3. Stay away from your partner.

4. If communication is needed, do not be alone with the batterer.

5. Keep your immigration papers in a safe place.

6. Tell a neighbor, friend, and family member about the abuse.

7. Call a domestic violence or sexual assault program for help.

8. Know your rights. Ask for an interpreter if you need one.

For a person currently in danger, and living with violent partner

1. Call 911. Teach your children to call 911 and let them know it is OK to call.

2. Keep a bag packed that’s ready to go and easy to grab.

3. Set up a place in advance where you can go when you need to escape.

4. Keep a little cash hidden and with you.

5. Keep important documents, like your passport, “green” card, birth certificates for yourself and children, marriage certificate, social security card(s), and work permits, work authorization cards, packed and stored in a safe place. You may also want to keep copies of important documents with a trusted friend in case you need them in an emergency.

6. Tell a neighbor, friend, and family member about the abuse.

7. Call a domestic violence or sexual assault program for help.

8. Know your rights. Ask for an interpreter if you need one.

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