

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

- Has not been terminated by the new administration, but the future of the program remains uncertain.
- Due to the uncertainty of the future of the DACA program, it is not advised to file an initial DACA application at this time.
- Any DACA recipient who has ever had a criminal history is encouraged to speak to an attorney or BIA representative before filing to renew their employment authorization due to the newly announced enforcement priorities.
- Filing for any DACA application now does not guarantee a work permit.
- Filing fees may not be refundable if the DACA program is terminated.
- Otherwise, those eligible for DACA renewal can continue to file for now.

Advance Parole

- It is not encouraged to file for advance parole at this time (approved international travel)
- Anyone currently outside the United States on advance parole is urged to return to the United States as soon as possible.

Risks for Deportation

- As announced by the new administration, the following are categories of undocumented individuals who are now priorities for removal from the United States:
 - Those convicted of any criminal offense;
 - Those charged with any criminal offense, where such charge has not been resolved;
 - Those who have committed acts that constitute a chargeable criminal offense;
 - Those who have engaged in fraud or willful misrepresentation in connection with any official matter or application before a governmental agency;
 - Those who have abused any program related to receipt of public benefits;
 - Those who are subject to a final order of removal, but who have not complied with their legal obligation to depart the United States;
 - In the judgment of an immigration officer, otherwise pose a risk to public safety or national security.
- It is not encouraged to attempt to cross the United States-Mexico border, as Customs and Border Patrol (CBP) has been given orders to put anyone caught crossing unlawfully in removal proceedings.

Be Prepared

Avoid Negative Interactions with Law Enforcement

- Convictions such as Driving Under the Influence and any others that involve drugs or alcohol have irreversible negative consequences.

Know Your Rights

- Carry a Know Your Rights card with you at all times.
- You have the right to remain silent until you speak to an attorney.
- Do not open the door for Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE) unless they have a warrant signed by a judge. Have them place it against a window or slip it under the door.

Make A Plan

- Memorize important phone numbers including those of family members, friends, and an attorney you can call if you are arrested.
- Designate alternate caregivers for children or elders.
- Keep originals and copies of important documents in a safe place and inform family members or friends.
- Bookmark the ICE detainee locator on your browser:
<https://locator.ice.gov/odls/homePage.do>

Seek Legal Help from Authorized Immigration Attorneys and Legal Representatives



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