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DETENTION PREPAREDNESS PACKET

Prepare important information before an immigration emergency.

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KEEP THIS PACKET IN A SAFE, ACCESSIBLE PLACE

Tell at least one trusted person where it is. Do not carry the full packet with you every day because it contains sensitive personal information.

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General information only. This packet is not a substitute for legal advice about a specific immigration case and does not create an attorney-client relationship.

A. How to Use This Packet

DO THESE THINGS NOW

Complete the information sheets, gather copies of important records, sign any emergency documents you want in place, and give a copy or secure access to a trusted person. Review the packet every 6-12 months and after any major change in address, family, medical care, employment, or immigration case.

Suggested setup

- ☐ Keep one complete copy in a secure home location.
- ☐ Give a trusted adult a copy or tell that person exactly how to access it.
- ☐ Keep your immigration attorney's phone number and your A-Number written somewhere separate from your phone.
- ☐ Keep only the wallet-size Know-Your-Rights card with you if you want something portable.
- ☐ Do not store passwords in this packet. Instead, identify where your password manager or emergency-access instructions are kept.

If you are detained

- ☐ Stay calm. Do not run, resist, or provide false information or false documents.
- ☐ Say that you wish to remain silent and want to speak with an attorney.
- ☐ Do not sign immigration papers you do not understand or agree to without first speaking with a lawyer.
- ☐ If you are afraid to return to your country, say so clearly to the immigration officer.
- ☐ Ask for an interpreter if you need one.
- ☐ As soon as you can, give your family or lawyer your full name, date of birth, A-Number, and where you are being held.

IMPORTANT ABOUT THE "TWO-YEAR" DOCUMENTS

For certain people who were not admitted or paroled, DHS currently claims authority to use expedited removal if the person cannot affirmatively show continuous physical presence in the United States for the two years immediately before DHS makes the inadmissibility determination. The checklist later in this packet is designed to help organize that proof. This rule is case-specific; speak with an immigration lawyer about whether it applies to you.

1. Emergency Durable Power of Attorney

Mississippi-oriented general financial/administrative form. Review before signing.

READ BEFORE SIGNING

This form is intended for general financial and administrative emergency planning, not for making immigration decisions for you. It is drafted for use in Mississippi. If you live in another state, have a lawyer in that state review it. Banks, schools, agencies, and other institutions may require their own forms. This document does not transfer child custody and is not a health-care power of attorney.

Principal and Agent

I, (full legal name) _____

Date of birth _____

Address _____

appoint (agent full legal name) _____

Agent phone _____

Agent email _____

Agent address _____

Alternate agent (optional) _____

Alternate agent phone/email _____

Grant of Authority. I authorize my Agent to act for me in the areas I initial below. I intend this authority to be available immediately, but I ask my Agent to use it primarily if I am detained, hospitalized, outside the United States, or otherwise unable to handle my affairs personally.

Initial	Authority Granted	Examples
_____	Banking & bills	Access accounts as permitted by the institution; deposit checks; pay rent, mortgage, utilities, insurance, taxes, debts, and ordinary expenses.
_____	Employment & business	Communicate with employer; obtain payroll/employment records; receive final wages; take reasonable steps to preserve a business or self-employment activity.
_____	Housing & property	Communicate with landlord, mortgage company, storage provider, utilities, and insurers; secure personal property; arrange repairs or access.
_____	Vehicles	Communicate with lenders/insurers; make payments; retrieve, store, or arrange lawful transfer of vehicles, subject to title/DMV requirements.
_____	Records & documents	Request and receive copies of financial, employment, school, insurance, tax, and other non-medical records to the extent permitted by law.

Initial	Authority Granted	Examples
_____	Mail & communications	Receive, redirect, and manage mail and routine communications; communicate with service providers and government offices.
_____	Attorneys & legal matters	Hire and communicate with attorneys; obtain copies of records; pay legal fees. My Agent may NOT waive my immigration rights, withdraw an immigration filing, accept removal, or sign immigration forms in my name unless separately authorized by law and counsel.
_____	Children - logistics only	Communicate with schools/childcare providers and coordinate emergency pickup/care only to the extent separately authorized by school forms, parental consent, or applicable law. This does not transfer custody.
_____	Other	_____ _____

Durability and Limits

This power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incapacity, or by lapse of time. It remains effective until I revoke it in writing, I die, or the following expiration date occurs (if any):

_____.

My Agent must act in good faith, keep my property separate from the Agent's property, keep reasonable records, and use this authority for my benefit and consistent with my instructions. My Agent may not make health-care decisions for me under this document.

Special instructions or limits _____

Principal signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Printed name _____

NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT

State of Mississippi

County of _____

Personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, the above-named Principal, who acknowledged signing this Emergency Durable Power of Attorney voluntarily for the purposes stated in it.

Notary Public: _____

My Commission Expires: _____

[SEAL]

Practical note: Mississippi law recognizes durable powers of attorney when the writing shows the intent that authority continue despite later incapacity. Mississippi case law has stated that a general power of attorney, apart from real-estate conveyances, need only be written, signed, and plainly state the authority granted; notarization is nevertheless strongly recommended for practical acceptance and may be necessary for recordable transactions.

2. Important Information Sheet

Complete this before an emergency. Keep it secure because it contains sensitive information.

Personal Information

Full legal name _____
Other names/aliases used _____
Date of birth _____
Country of birth _____
Citizenship/nationality _____
Home address _____
Cell phone _____
Email _____
A-Number (A#) _____
Social Security Number _____
USCIS Online Account Number (if any) _____
Passport number / country / expiration _____

Emergency Contacts

Name	Relationship	Phone	Email / Notes

Children / Dependents

Name / DOB	School / Daycare	School phone	Authorized pickup person	Medical / special needs

Person who should care for my children/dependents if I am unavailable

Their phone/email _____

Where school authorization / custody / guardianship papers are kept

Work / Home / Transportation

Employer / supervisor _____

Work phone _____

Work address _____

Person who should notify employer _____

Landlord / mortgage contact _____

Utility account information location _____

Vehicle(s) / lender / insurer _____

Person with spare house/car keys _____

Pet caregiver / veterinarian / instructions location _____

2A. Important Information Sheet - Medical & Financial

Medical Information

Primary doctor / clinic / phone _____

Preferred hospital _____

Health insurance / member number _____

Pharmacy / phone _____

Allergies _____

Medical conditions that require attention _____

Emergency medical contact _____

Where health-care directive / medical POA is kept _____

Medications

Medication	Dose / frequency	Prescriber	Reason / important notes

Financial / Household Information

Primary bank / credit union _____

Person authorized to handle bills _____

Rent / mortgage due date and payment method _____

Utilities / phone / insurance due dates _____

Business name and contact (if self-employed) _____

Tax preparer / accountant _____

Where important financial records are stored _____

Password manager / emergency digital access instructions are stored at _____

DO NOT WRITE PASSWORDS HERE

This packet may be copied, transported, or seen by others. Use a secure password manager or separate emergency-access method instead.

3. Immigration Historical Data Sheet

Fill this out as completely and accurately as possible. If you do not know, write “unknown” rather than guessing.

Identity & Case Numbers

Full legal name _____

All other names used (including work names, maiden names, spellings) _____

Date of birth _____

Country of birth _____

Citizenship/nationality _____

A-Number(s) _____

Social Security Number _____

ITIN (if any) _____

USCIS Online Account Number _____

Current immigration status, if any _____

Current work permit category / expiration _____

Current passport number / expiration _____

Entries, Exits, and Encounters with Immigration

List every entry or attempted entry you can remember, including entries with a visa, parole, border crossing, return after travel, voluntary return, removal, or other immigration encounter. Add pages if needed.

Date	Place / port	Entered or exited?	How / document used	Inspected, admitted, paroled?	Notes / outcome

First date you ever entered the United States _____

Most recent date you entered the United States _____

Have you ever been ordered removed/deported or granted voluntary departure? If yes, explain _____

Have you ever left the U.S. after an immigration judge or officer ordered you removed? If yes, explain _____

3A. Immigration Historical Data - Filings & Court History

Prior and Pending Immigration Applications / Petitions

Form / filing	Filed for/by whom	Date filed	Receipt number	Office / court	Result / status

Immigration Court / Removal History

Have you ever received a Notice to Appear (NTA)? When/where?

Current immigration court (if any) _____

Next hearing date / type _____

Immigration Judge _____

Prior removal/deportation order date _____

Appeal filed? BIA case number / status _____

Prior ICE supervision / check-in office _____

Immigration bond amount / date / obligor (if any) _____

Arrests / Citations / Criminal Cases

Include arrests even if charges were dismissed, expunged, or you were told the case was minor. Include traffic matters if you are unsure.

Date	City / state	Charge / citation	Court / case no.	Final outcome / sentence

3B. Immigration Historical Data - Family & Other Facts

Immediate Family

Name	Relationship	DOB	Immigration status	A# / notes

U.S. citizen or permanent resident spouse/parents/children not listed above

Serious medical needs in the family _____

Victim of crime, trafficking, abuse, domestic violence, or other harm in the United States?

Fear of persecution, torture, or serious harm if returned to home country?

Military service by you or close family member _____

Prior attorney(s) / organization(s) that handled immigration matters

Where complete immigration file is stored _____

4. Document Preparation Checklist

Keep COPIES together. Keep originals secure unless your attorney specifically tells you to carry or submit them.

A. Proof of Continuous Physical Presence in the U.S. - Two-Year Emergency File

Goal: keep documents spread across the entire two-year period immediately before a possible DHS encounter/determination. More than one type of record is better. Do not rely on a single recent document.

- ☐ Bank or credit-card statements showing U.S. transactions or address
- ☐ Rent/lease records, rent receipts, mortgage statements
- ☐ Utility bills (electric, water, gas, internet)
- ☐ Pay stubs, payroll records, W-2s, 1099s, employer letters, work schedules
- ☐ Federal/state tax returns and IRS/state transcripts
- ☐ School/daycare records for you or your children showing your U.S. address/contact
- ☐ Medical, dental, pharmacy, counseling, or vaccination records
- ☐ Cell-phone bills or account statements
- ☐ Car insurance, health insurance, homeowners/renters insurance records
- ☐ DMV records, vehicle registration, title, repair receipts
- ☐ Government correspondence, court records, benefit notices, licenses, permits
- ☐ Church, community organization, gym, library, or membership records
- ☐ Dated mail, shipping receipts, online-order histories, or other records showing presence
- ☐ Affidavits from people who know you were present (useful as backup; documents are generally stronger)
- ☐ A one-page timeline/index showing the date of each proof document

ORGANIZING TIP

Create a folder with evidence for each month or quarter. If there are gaps, try to fill them now. Keep a digital copy that a trusted person can access if you are detained.

B. Copies of Immigration Records

- ☐ Passport(s), visas, border-crossing cards, I-94 records, parole documents
- ☐ Green Card, EAD/work permit, or other immigration ID (front and back)
- ☐ All USCIS receipt notices, approval notices, denial notices, RFEs/NOIDs
- ☐ Copies of all immigration applications and petitions filed
- ☐ Notice to Appear (Form I-862), hearing notices, Immigration Judge orders
- ☐ BIA appeal filings/decisions and federal court filings/decisions, if any
- ☐ ICE paperwork, orders of supervision, check-in documents, bond paperwork
- ☐ Prior removal/deportation/voluntary departure paperwork
- ☐ FOIA records, prior attorney records, or complete A-file copy if available
- ☐ Current attorney's contact information and signed representation documents, if applicable

4A. Important Documents & Secure Storage

C. Important Civil / Identity / Criminal Documents

- ☐ Birth certificate and certified translation if not in English
- ☐ Marriage certificate(s)
- ☐ Divorce decree(s) / annulment records / death certificates of prior spouses
- ☐ Children's birth certificates
- ☐ Passport identity pages and copies of visas/stamps
- ☐ Driver's license / state ID (front and back)
- ☐ Social Security card / ITIN notice (store securely)
- ☐ Certified criminal court records for every arrest/charge/citation where available, including charging document and final disposition
- ☐ Police reports where relevant and available
- ☐ Probation/parole completion records, payment records, expungement records
- ☐ Military records, school records, professional licenses, other identity documents

Where the emergency file is stored

Paper copy location _____

Secure digital copy location _____

Trusted person who has access _____

Other instructions for finding the records _____

SECURITY REMINDER

This packet can contain Social Security numbers, A-Numbers, medical information, and identity documents. Keep it secure and share it only with people you trust or professionals who need the information.

5. Know Your Rights

General information for encounters inside the United States. Different rules can apply at the border or ports of entry.

THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

Stay calm. Do not run. Do not lie. Do not give false documents. You can say you wish to remain silent. You can ask to speak with a lawyer. Do not sign papers you do not understand or agree to before getting legal advice.

If immigration officers come to your home

- ☐ You do not have to open the door just because officers say they are from immigration.
- ☐ Ask them to show the warrant through a window or slide it under the door.
- ☐ A judicial search or arrest warrant signed by a judge can authorize entry if it is valid and covers the correct place/person. An ICE administrative warrant is different and, by itself, generally does not authorize forced entry into a private home.
- ☐ Do not consent to entry or a search. You can say: “I do not consent to your entry or search.”
- ☐ Do not physically resist if officers enter anyway. Remember details and tell your lawyer later.

If officers stop you in public or at work

- ☐ Stay calm and do not run.
- ☐ Ask: “Am I free to leave?” If they say yes, leave calmly.
- ☐ You may say: “I choose to remain silent. I want to speak with a lawyer.”
- ☐ You do not have to consent to a search. Say clearly that you do not consent.
- ☐ Never lie about your citizenship or immigration history and never show false documents.

If you are arrested or detained by immigration

- ☐ Say you want to remain silent and want to speak with an immigration lawyer.
- ☐ Do not sign a stipulated removal, voluntary departure, waiver, or other immigration document you do not understand or agree to before speaking with counsel.
- ☐ If you fear returning to your country, say clearly: “I am afraid to return to my country” and ask to speak with an asylum officer or lawyer.
- ☐ Ask for an interpreter if you do not fully understand English.
- ☐ Ask where you are being held and how your family or lawyer can contact you.
- ☐ Memorize or keep written separately your A-Number and at least one emergency phone number.
- ☐ In immigration court, you may be represented by an attorney or qualified representative, but the government generally does not appoint or pay for your lawyer.

About expedited removal and two-year proof

DHS currently states that expedited removal may be used nationwide against certain noncitizens who were not admitted or paroled and who cannot affirmatively show that they were continuously physically present in the United States for the two years immediately before DHS determines inadmissibility. If you may fall into this category, tell your lawyer and trusted contact where your two-year evidence is stored. The rule has exceptions and legal questions that require individualized analysis.

5A. If a Family Member Is Detained - Information to Gather

- ☐ Full legal name and every spelling/name used
- ☐ Date of birth and country of birth
- ☐ A-Number (usually 8 or 9 digits after the “A”)
- ☐ Date, time, and location of arrest or last contact
- ☐ Agency involved (ICE, CBP, local police, sheriff, other)
- ☐ Where the person is being held; detention facility name and booking number if known
- ☐ Any paperwork officers left or gave to the family
- ☐ Current medications and urgent medical needs
- ☐ Immigration attorney’s name and phone number
- ☐ Copies of immigration records and two-year presence evidence from this packet
- ☐ Upcoming immigration or criminal court dates
- ☐ Names and phone numbers of witnesses to the arrest, if relevant

CONTACT AMP IMMIGRATION

Existing clients: call or text 601-890-8060 and identify the detained person, A-Number, date of birth, detention location (if known), and what happened. Toll-free: 844-464-2244. If you are not already a client, contacting the firm does not create an attorney-client relationship until representation is accepted in writing.

6. Wallet Know-Your-Rights Card

Cut out, fold, and keep separately from the full packet if desired.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS I wish to remain silent. I do not consent to a search. I do not consent to entry into my home. I want to speak with an attorney. I will not sign immigration papers I do not understand or agree to before speaking with a lawyer.	IF I AM DETAINED My name: _____ A-Number: A_____ Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____ Attorney: _____ Phone: _____
AMP IMMIGRATION, PLLC 601-890-8060 (voice + text) 844-464-2244 toll-free ampimmigration.com Mail: P.O. Box 5623 Brandon, MS 39047	IMPORTANT Stay calm. Do not run or resist. Do not lie or give false documents. If you are afraid to return to your country, say so clearly. Ask for an interpreter if needed.

Legal-information sources reviewed for this packet (current as of August 13, 2026): DHS, Designating Aliens for Expedited Removal, 90 Fed. Reg. 8139 (Jan. 24, 2025); EOIR materials on legal representation and immigration-court rights; ACLU Immigrants' Rights guidance (updated Aug. 4, 2026); NILC Know Your Rights materials, including warrants and detention guidance; Mississippi Code §§ 87-3-101 through 87-3-113 and Mississippi power-of-attorney case law. Laws and policies change; review this packet periodically.