

SAFETY PLANNING FOR IMMIGRANT SURVIVORS DURING CORONAVIRUS



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Make a Safety Plan

- If you are in immediate danger, call **911** and request an interpreter. Do not allow your children to serve as interpreters. Contact with the the police could open a path for legal status as a victim of a crime in the U.S. In Philadelphia the police should not ask about your immigration status or citizenship.
- Contact people you trust (in person keeping distance, by phone, text or virtual chat) who could help you in an emergency. Establish a code word or a sign with them so they know when you need help (family, neighbors, friends, advocates).
- Memorize emergency numbers and keep your phone with you at all times.
- Select a safe room in your house and make sure there is way to exit the room during an emergency. Know where all the exit doors and windows are in your house.
- Avoid rooms with weapons (kitchen, garage, basement, bathroom) to reduce risk of harm during incidents of abuse.
- Use a code word or a sign with your children for when they should get away and call 911. Make sure your children know never to get involved or attempt to protect you.
- Learn about technology safety and how to stay safe online. Change your passwords and pins on your phone and computer frequently. Do not allow the computer to remember your passwords.
- If you are not safe, are there other friends or family you could stay with during this time? Have a plan with them to help you exit and stay with them.
- Place your medication and important documents (immigration documents, passports, employment authorization cards and green cards) inside a bag in a safe place with easy access or ask a friend to keep them.

Where to call for help?

National Domestic Violence Hotline:

Phone: 1-800-799-7233

Text: LOVEIS to 22522

Live Chat: <https://www.thehotline.org/help/>

National Human Trafficking Hotline:

Phone: 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711)

Text: 233733

Live Chat: <https://humantraffickinghotline.org/>

National Sexual Assault Hotline:

Phone: 1-800-656-4673

Live Chat: <https://hotline.rainn.org/>

24/7 assistance through interpreters.

Local Resources

Domestic Violence

- Philadelphia Domestic Violence Hotline: 866-723-3014
- Congreso de Latinos Unidos: 215-763-8870
- Lutheran Settlement House: 215-426-8610
- Women Against Abuse: 215-386-1280
- Women in Transition: 215-564-5301

Sexual Violence Services

- WOAR - Philadelphia Center Against Sexual Violence: 215-985-3315

Anti-Human Trafficking Services

- Nationalities Service Center: 215-893-8400
- The Salvation Army: 215-825-4601

Child Line: 1-800-932-0313

Immigration Legal Assistance

- Nationalities Service Center: 215-893-8400
- HIAS Pennsylvania :215-832-0900
- Justice at Work: 215-733-0878
- PIRC (Pennsylvania Immigration Resource Center): 717-600-8099

Community-Based Organizations

- AFAHO: 215-546-1232
- SEAMAAC: 215-467-0690
- JUNTOS: 215- 218-9079