



Reducing Risks for the Undocumented

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One year ago today, we learned the Donald Trump would be the next President of the United States. The past year has certainly been a tumultuous one for the immigrant community, but it is important to remember that this period of fear and uncertainty will pass eventually. Meanwhile, we at Global Law Advocates would like to offer some tips on reducing the risk of deportation for undocumented individuals and their families:

- * Do not travel by plane or go to airports, and avoid long car trips, which increase the risk of being stopped by police or immigration agents.
- * Consult with an experienced immigration attorney to learn of your immigration options. An attorney's job is to determine if, when, how, and why to obtain immigration benefits, not merely to "fill out forms." Do not try to apply for immigration benefits with a *notario* or by yourself. It is not worth the risk to your future in the US, in addition to your hope, money, and time!
- * Avoid behavior that could lead to an arrest, such as driving under the influence of alcohol.
- * Report crime to the police. In addition to keeping yourself, your family, and your community safer, you may become eligible for a U Visa if you are the victim of a qualifying crime and aid law enforcement with their investigation.
- * If you have immigration options, such as family petitions or waivers, take them!

Remember, if you, a family member, or a friend is detained by immigration agents, there is still hope! The Seattle-King County Legal Defense Network is available to help qualifying Seattle and King County residents with free legal services. Check the network's [flyer](#) for more information on this great community resource.

If you would like to meet with Margaret to learn about immigration options for you and your loved ones, call us to schedule a consult at 206-774-8758.



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