

PROTECT YOU'RE CITIZENSHIP— BE READY ANYWHERE

KEEP THESE DOCUMENTS READY & COPIES SAFE

✔ **Birth Certificate**

Request a certified copy from your County Clerk's Office.
Keep original sealed at home and
a copy in your wallet or bag.

✔ **GET A REAL ID**

Visit your local DMV or Secretary of State office. Bring proof of address,
Social Security card,
and birth certificate.

✔ **U.S. Passport (or Passport Card)**

Apply at a post office or county clerk passport office.
Adult passport: \$130 fee.
Keep photocopies in your wallet or phone.

✔ **Proof of Residence**

Keep the original safe at home;
carry only a copy or know the number.

✔ **Emergency Contact List**

Names + numbers of family, lawyer, or community advocate.



SAFETY & PREPARATION TIPS

- Keep originals in a waterproof envelope or folder.
- Take photos of each document and back up to secure cloud storage.
- Parents, place copies of children's birth certificates & IDs in their backpacks.
- When driving or traveling, carry at least your REAL ID and one proof of citizenship.
- Teach youth how to speak up clearly: "I am an American citizen. Please call my family."
- Stay informed, stay prepared, and share this guide to help others protect themselves and their loved ones.



FOR MORE RESOURCES :
<https://www.shieldupnow.org/>