

LUC Dreamer Committee

**Suggestions for Members of the
Loyola University Chicago community, especially those
who do not have US citizenship***

As the national climate is evolving rapidly in light of the recent election, we offer that the following are prudent steps that can minimize risk and maximize safety.

1. **Renew DACA immediately** - DACA recipients should renew their deferred action status immediately. This is advisable for anyone whose most recent renewal has taken place more than six months ago.
2. **Know Your Rights (KYR)** – Learn your rights and options regarding how to proceed if you encounter agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and steps to create an emergency plan. Some excellent websites including these three can provide information.
 - Catholic Legal Immigration Rights Network (CLINIC) <https://www.cliniclegal.org/issues/know-your-rights>
 - National Immigration Justice Center (NIJC) <https://immigrantjustice.org/know-your-rights>
 - Illinois Community for Displaced Immigrants <https://icdichicago.org/>

We also recommend attending a KYR seminar conducted by a reputable immigration or legal services provider. We believe these are of value to all members of the LUC community including faculty, staff, security personnel and others. The training includes concrete steps that should be taken in the event of immigration officials seeking to enter a home or importantly, a university facility and requesting student or personnel information. The Dreamer Committee sponsored several of these trainings in 2024 and plans to offer additional opportunities in 2025.

3. **Carry Identification:** When going out in public or traveling, carry identification such as your LUC ID, proof of residence or any proof of lawful presence that you may have (e.g., EAD, I-797).
4. **Obtain Legal Screening** – Have your case reviewed ASAP by an experienced immigration attorney for any overlooked potential pathway to a more stable immigration status.

Resources: Low Cost Legal Services for Screenings, DACA renewal

- ICIRR Legal Service Directory

https://www.icirr.org/_files/ugd/9781a6_60b431062b7f4fab9c4a23b9151ec47b.pdf

- List of Non-Profit Agencies Providing Low-Cost Legal Services
https://www.icirr.org/_files/ugd/9781a6_0cb3d84fe2bd4da9a8be538608dba499.pdf
- Private Attorney Referral for Immigration Matters
https://www.icirr.org/_files/ugd/f9e919_ae044089b3a34850954e65e7ccf70f82.pdf

5. **Avoid International travel** - All non-citizen students should be in the United States by January 20 and plan to remain within the borders of the United States for the foreseeable future.
6. **Ally Trainings** – These sessions provide information on the social and historical context of immigration to the U.S. and promote understanding and sensitivity to the struggles of faculty, staff, and students who have immigrated to the United States. These trainings are recommended for all members of the LUC community. They are typically provided by the Center for Diversity & Inclusion. Additional offerings are planned for early 2025.

*This list was developed by the LUC Dreamer Committee, a university-wide group of faculty and staff who share resources and information to address the needs of students and faculty who have immigrated to the United States. *Nothing in this document should be construed as legal advice. The above items are intended as resources for consideration.*

