

# U.S. Journalist Assistance Network

The U.S. Journalist Assistance Network, a coalition of U.S. press freedom organizations specializing in journalist safety and assistance, has compiled a list of immigration-related resources for journalists in the U.S.

Together, this guidance can help journalists, editors, and newsrooms navigate threats to their staff and freelancers related to their immigration status or coverage of immigration issues. The resources also highlight how to prepare for risks foreign journalists may face when entering the U.S.

For immigration or legal advice, please contact an immigration attorney. A directory of free or low-cost nonprofit legal immigration service providers can be found [here](#).

## [RCFP: Immigration Reporting Legal Guide](#)

This RCFP guide, published in English and [Spanish](#), helps journalists navigate legal issues they may encounter while reporting on immigration enforcement and deportation.

## [CPJ Safety Advisory: Traveling to the US](#)

This CPJ safety advisory offers safety advice for journalists traveling to the U.S., including on assessing risk and digital security precautions.

## [FPF: Preparing devices for travel through a US border](#)

This FPF guide helps journalists prepare their digital devices for transit through a U.S. port of entry in order to preserve the confidentiality of their most sensitive information.

## [FPF: Module: Digital security 101 — Crossing the US-Mexico border](#)

This FPF college journalism curriculum module teaches students how to protect themselves and their digital devices when working near and across the U.S.-Mexico border.

## [IWMF: Tips for Covering Immigration](#)

There are several safety measures and best practices you can follow before starting your coverage on immigration issues – like an ICE raid or meeting undocumented immigrants, or even an anti-deportation protest – to keep you safe and mitigate risk.

Evaluating and identifying your risk includes taking a holistic approach to your physical, digital, legal and psychosocial safety as well as the safety of your sources.

### **For emergency assistance or safety support:**

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has a free Legal Hotline for journalists. Please submit an online form [here](#) or call 1-800-336-4243.

The Committee to Protect Journalists provides journalists with emergency assistance and safety advice. To request support, please email [emergencies@cpj.org](mailto:emergencies@cpj.org). You can read more about the types of support CPJ can provide [here](#).

The International Women's Media Foundation and its Coalition Against Online Violence partners are offering journalists the opportunity to sign up for free one-on-one safety consultations. Please submit a request [here](#).

The International Women's Media Foundation also has a United States Journalism Emergency Fund for journalists in the U.S. Please submit an application [here](#).

PEN America provides digital safety training and resources, as well as limited emergency grants and direct support, for writers and journalists. You can learn more about our program [here](#) and reach out to [digitalsafety@pen.org](mailto:digitalsafety@pen.org).

The digital security training team at Freedom of the Press Foundation (FPF) is dedicated to preserving and extending the digital privacy and security of news organizations, journalists, and documentary filmmakers. We provide support to individuals and groups with sliding scale pricing to ensure our services are accessible. Email [training@freedom.press](mailto:training@freedom.press) or visit [here](#) for more information.

