

First 30 Days Checklist

Do these in order. Each one makes the next easier.

DAYS 1-7 — PROTECT YOURSELF FIRST

1 Photograph & copy every document

Passport, visa, I-94, birth certificate, any USCIS letters. Keep copies separate from originals — and a phone photo of each. If one gets lost, copies save you.

2 Talk to an immigration attorney

Before you sign, file, or apply for anything. One consultation can prevent years of mistakes. Avoid “notarios” — in the US they are not lawyers.

3 Save this Know-Your-Rights card on your phone

Know the 5 rights before you need them. Free download on premyeane.com — keep it where you can find it fast.

DAYS 8-30 — SET UP YOUR LIFE

4 Get a phone number

A US number unlocks job applications, banks, and appointments. Prepaid works fine — no contract needed.

5 Open a bank account

You don't need an SSN at every bank — many accept a passport plus an ITIN application. No cash under the mattress.

6 Apply for your SSN or ITIN

SSN if you're authorized to work; ITIN for taxes otherwise. Keep the letter safe — this number follows you everywhere.

7 Secure your housing

Read before you sign a lease. Know this: your landlord cannot lock you out or shut off utilities — only a court can evict you.

8 Watch for scams

No real government agency takes payment by gift card, Zelle, or cash — or threatens you by phone. Hang up. Ask someone you trust.

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