

CHECKLIST: CREDIT CARDS, PREPAID & DEBIT CARDS

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- The first step is to gather info about your credit cards, prepaid cards and debit cards. **Use the chart on the following page** to fill in info about each card including the account number, security code, expiration date, phone number for card company, etc.

Once the chart is filled in, keep it in a safe place that you can get to if you leave the US and think about giving a copy to someone you trust who will stay in the US.

- The second step is to contact the banks or companies that gave you the credit, prepaid or debit cards and find out if you can use them outside of the country, how much it will cost if you use them outside of the country, how you can receive bills or statements outside of the country, and how or if you can cancel your credit or debit accounts if you are not in the US.

Write everything down and put in a safe place that you can access if you must leave quickly (or give it to a trusted friend who can get it to you).

Remember: The plan is to have a plan. You are taking the right steps to protect your family. Don't be afraid to ask for help so you get answers you can trust: try your lawyer or caseworker, or ask your child's school or doctor's office.

