

NEW UPGRADED SYSTEM FOR THE REGISTRATION OF CANADIANS ABROAD



Why register?

So that we can contact and assist you in case of an emergency abroad or inform you of an emergency at home.

Who should register?

All Canadians travelling or living abroad.

What's different about the new system?

The improved system allows you to better manage and update your own information* on-line.

What if I've already registered?

If you registered before **December 14, 2008**, you **MUST register again** in order to receive further safety and security updates.

How do I register?

You can register on-line at

or by contacting a Canadian government office abroad.

For more information, call **1-800-267-6788** (in Canada and the U.S.) or **613-944-6788**.

** Information obtained through registration is confidential and is used in accordance with the provisions of the Privacy Act.*

Make sure you and/or the child carry proper identification, such as birth certificates, baptismal certificates, passports, citizenship cards, records of landing, or certificates of Indian status. Identification could also include any documents, such as divorce papers or custody court orders, that might be required by the country you intend to visit. These documents will help prove your citizenship, residency, and custodial rights when you return to Canada.

Your child custody arrangements in Canada may not be recognized in another country. In extreme cases, you or your child may not be allowed to leave that country. Check your status with that country's embassy or consulate in Canada before you travel. If you have custody questions, contact our Consular Case Management Division at **1-800-387-3124** (in Canada) or **613-943-1055**.

For further details, see our fact sheet *Tips for Travelling with Children* on page 11.



TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

You should carry a valid Canadian passport for all visits to the United States and Mexico. The United States introduced new entry requirements in January 2007. For detailed information, visit the website of the Canada Border Services Agency at www.cbsa.gc.ca.

WOMEN TRAVELLING SOLO

Our booklet entitled *Her Own Way: A Woman's Guide to Safe and Successful Travel* provides information especially for females, including those who travel alone.

TRAVEL WITH A SAME-SEX SPOUSE

Although same-sex marriages are legal in Canada, they are not recognized in many countries, apart from Belgium, the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, and the U.S. state of Massachusetts. Same-sex civil unions are more widely recognized, for example, in Denmark, France, Iceland, and the United Kingdom. Attempting to enter another country as a same-sex married couple may result in refusal by local officials. In addition, homosexual activity is a criminal offence in certain countries and could result in a prison or death sentence. Consult our Country Travel Reports or the destination country's embassy or consulate in Canada for specific information.