

WHY IS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE REQUIRED?

HERE ARE 10 REASONS TO PACK IT IN YOUR LUGGAGE:

1 Health insurance is one of the best investments you can make. Accidents or illnesses can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime. All it takes is an unguarded moment or exposure to a harmful virus, and you or your family could be indebted for many years.

2 Some hospitals will not admit you unless you have insurance or can pay up front, regardless of your medical condition.

3 You cannot take medicare for granted when you work outside Canada, even for short periods. Your government health insurance plan (GHIP) will foot only a portion of the bills.



4 Your GHIP may terminate after you have lived outside Canada for a certain period of time.

5 With certain exceptions, when you return to Canada there will be a wait of up to three months before you can benefit again from your GHIP.

6 A comprehensive travel insurance plan can help you leave a country, at no extra cost, in the event of a major medical emergency for which local facilities are inadequate.

7 Travelling to a country where war or civil unrest is a concern may require specialized insurance to ensure full protection.