

## A PASSPORT FOR EVERYONE

All Canadian travellers, including children, must have their own passport. This security measure is intended to help protect children and combat abduction, prostitution, and illegal migration. The practice of adding a child's name to a parent's passport is no longer permitted. Before you leave on your trip, **be sure to complete the "In case of accident or death, notify" section** (page 4) in your passport. This information will help us to quickly notify your family or friends if an emergency arises.

## PROCESSING TIME

Canadian travellers should plan ahead and apply for a passport before booking an international flight. To avoid delays in obtaining your passport, ensure your application is complete. Processing times may vary depending on the volume of applications received and, in certain cases, the complexity of routine verifications and security checks. Consult Passport Canada's website for the latest processing times.



## KEEP IT SAFE!

**Make photocopies of your passport's identification page and of your identification cards.** Keep copies separate from originals when travelling. For added security, leave a copy with a friend or relative at home. We also recommend that you carry your birth or citizenship certificate in addition to your Canadian passport. These simple actions may speed up the replacement process if you lose your passport.

## EXPIRATION DATE

A Canadian passport is generally valid for a five-year period. However, a passport issued to a child under age three is valid for only three years. Before making travel arrangements, be sure to verify all passport expiration dates. If a passport is due to expire within six months of your scheduled return to Canada, check with the destination country's embassy or consulate in Canada for rules and restrictions regarding passport validity. Some countries will not let you enter if your passport is due to expire within six months.

