

or certificates of Indian status. Check with each destination country's embassy or consulate regarding additional entry conditions and documentation that may be required, including divorce papers, custody court orders, or a death certificate (if one parent is deceased). These documents will also help prove your citizenship, residency, and custodial rights when returning to Canada. Keep some form of identification in your child's pocket in case you are separated. Carry recent photographs of your child for emergency identification purposes.

**We strongly recommend that children under 18 carry a consent letter** to facilitate entry into the destination country. A letter should be obtained from every person or organization with custodial rights, guardianship rights, or parental authority (in Quebec only). For example, children travelling alone, with groups, or with only one custodial parent should carry a consent letter proving they have permission to travel. We recommend that you have the

consent letter certified, stamped, or sealed by an official with the authority to administer an oath or solemn declaration (i.e., a commissioner for oaths, notary public, or lawyer), so the validity of the letter will not be questioned. See [travel.gc.ca/letter](http://travel.gc.ca/letter) for a sample consent letter.

**Seek advice from a lawyer** if you cannot obtain the consent of the other parent or if a custody dispute might develop while your child is abroad. Custody arrangements in Canada may not be recognized in another country. In some cases, you or your child may

