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What the Government of Canada Can Do for You

The services that Canada's consular staff can provide in the event a Canadian is arrested vary from case to case and country to country. Consular staff can:

- notify your family or friends of your situation at your request;
- provide information about the country's legal and correctional systems;

- provide a list of lawyers who have expertise in your particular type of case;
- try to ensure that treatment by the courts and prison conditions are equal to the standards applied to nationals of that country.

There are things that consular staff cannot do for you. They can't:

- · get you out of jail;
- post bail, pay fines or provide legal assistance;
- · choose or recommend a lawyer.

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