

B. The Search

- ✓ Ensure that you have several certified copies of your custody order from the issuing court.
- ✓ Obtain information on the family and child welfare laws and customs of the country to which your child has been abducted. Also, learn and understand the various legal aspects of your situation under Canadian law.
- ✓ Establish contact with relatives and friends of the other parent in Canada and abroad and try to enlist their support.
- ✓ Advise your child's school, doctor and hospital that he or she has been abducted and request that they inform you should they be contacted by the abducting parent.
- ✓ In consultation with your lawyer and the local police, consider whether it would be beneficial to obtain information from telephone and credit card companies on the whereabouts of the abductor.

C. After your Child has been Located Abroad

- ✓ Obtain advice and guidance as to the necessity of obtaining the services of a lawyer in the country where your child is located.
- ✓ If a foreign lawyer is retained, ensure that you fully understand what will be done, in what time period and what cost will be involved.
- ✓ Provide the foreign lawyer with certified copies of all relevant documents.
- ✓ Consult with the Consular Operations and Emergency Services Division to determine whether it would be appropriate for you to travel to the country concerned.

D. Legal Proceedings in Canada

- ✓ Seek advice and guidance on how to proceed from the Crown Attorney, your lawyer and/or provincial/territorial central authority.

