



3.0 Myths

Myths about how Canadians are treated if arrested on drug-related charges abroad were also investigated by Binarius Research. Canadian travellers were asked about their expectations should they be arrested in a foreign country. Specifically, they were queried about whether they anticipated being sent back to Canada, what they expected in terms of punishment, and whether they thought being Canadian might get them released.

The research revealed that 9% of all Canadian travellers mistakenly believe that the Canadian Embassy could arrange for them to be sent back to Canada; 16% of young Canadian travellers believe this to be true.

Table 1 below shows the results for the question: *"in most cases, Canadian embassy officials can get Canadians released from prison within a week because of Canada's good international reputation."* As shown, the following types of people are more likely to entertain myths: those aged 18-24, francophones, women, non-university educated and those earning less than \$30,000.

Table 1

Variable	Criteria	Percent
Age	18-24	18
	All ages	16
Language	French	21
	English	15
Sex	Female	20
	Male	13
Education	Some university +	13
	No university	21
Income	< \$30,000	23
	\$30,000-\$70,000	18
	> \$70,000	9