

What you say in response to questioning by Immigration or Customs officers can be used against you if you are considered inadmissible. Many persons have had their vehicles or vessels seized because they pretended to be Canadian citizens when they were actually landed immigrants or visitors to Canada. Others have lost vehicles or vessels because they carried passengers who pretended to be Canadian citizens, did not admit to having a criminal record, or pretended to be visitors while planning to look for work in the United States. Again, as a driver, you can be held responsible for the misdeeds of your passengers regardless of knowledge or association.

You can choose to withdraw your request to enter the United States if border officials at a pre-clearance facility in Canada are questioning your application. This step can be taken before you are interviewed further or your belongings are searched. Despite your taking this approach, U.S. officials may nonetheless make a record of your attempted entry in the U.S. Immigration database. The option to withdraw

your application for entry is rarely available at land border or inland ports of entry, since at that point you are already on U.S. soil.

## **Expedited Removal**

Canadians travelling to the United States should note that U.S. Immigration's "expedited removal" procedure allows an Immigration agent, with the concurrence of a supervisor, to bar non-citizens from the United States for five years if, in their judgment, the individuals presented false documentation or misrepresented themselves. Canadians should be aware that lying to a border official is a serious offence.

Expedited removal is part of comprehensive reforms intended to control illegal immigration. There is no formal appeal process under expedited removal, but if you believe the law has been misapplied in your case, you can request a supervisory review by writing to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS) district director responsible for the port of entry where the decision