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Canadians love to travel. Each year we make millions of trips worldwide for both business and pleasure.

To maximize your chances of enjoying a hassle-free journey abroad, get informed before you go—preparation is the key to a successful trip.

To help you plan ahead, Foreign Affairs Canada has developed this handy reference booklet. It contains a list of the consular services we offer abroad, travel advice and important contact information.

## WHAT ARE CANADIAN CONSULAR SERVICES?

The Consular Affairs Bureau of Foreign Affairs Canada has over 270 points of service worldwide where consular officials are ready to assist Canadians travelling, working or living abroad.

Being informed about the services we do and do not provide will help make your stay abroad a more pleasant one.

### Consular Officials Provide the Following Services:

#### *In emergencies*

- Assist in arranging evacuation in the event of war, civil unrest or a natural disaster.



- Arrange help in a medical emergency by providing you with a list of local doctors and hospitals.
- Arrange for your medical evacuation should a required treatment not be available locally (fees apply).
- Comfort and assist victims of robbery or other violence.
- Help find missing persons and abducted children.

#### *When legal issues arise*

- Provide you with a list of local lawyers.
- Provide you with sources of information about local laws and regulations.
- Seek to ensure that you are treated fairly under the country's laws if you are arrested or detained (see our publication *A Guide for Canadians Imprisoned Abroad*).
- Provide assistance if your child has been abducted and taken to another country (see our publication *International Child Abductions: A Manual for Parents*).
- Notarize documents (fees apply).