

LOST OR STOLEN PASSPORT

If your passport is lost or stolen while you are abroad, you should immediately report the incident to the local police. Make sure you get a copy of the police report or the report number. Then contact the nearest Government of Canada office. Before a new passport can be issued, you must complete an application form, produce documentary evidence of your Canadian citizenship (e.g., a birth or citizenship certificate), present new photographs, pay the required fee and complete a "Statutory Declaration Concerning a Lost, Stolen, Inaccessible or Destroyed Canadian Passport or Travel Document" (form PPT 203). If you subsequently find the missing passport, it must be returned to Passport Canada for inspection and destruction.



Illegal Drugs

Drug use and trafficking are prohibited in all countries, even though drugs may be readily available and openly used in some areas. Most countries impose heavy fines and long prison sentences for possession and trafficking. In some countries, possession of even small amounts of drugs carries a prison sentence. **Never take any parcel that is not yours across a border.**

Choose your travel companions wisely. Never cross a border with a hitchhiker or as a hitchhiker. Although you may not be carrying anything illegal, your companions may be. For details, consult the "Drugs and Travel" section of our Web site.

Crime and Punishment

Thousands of Canadians are currently imprisoned abroad for a wide range of offences. The laws and customs of other countries can be very different from those in Canada, and ignorance is no defence when a crime is committed.

When you travel, remember:

Cultural places and objects in other countries are protected by laws there and by laws here in Canada

Canadians may be prosecuted in foreign countries...

Many countries enforce strict laws to protect their cultural heritage: monuments, historical and archaeological sites, museums and objects.

Travellers can face serious penalties and imprisonment for acts committed against that heritage. Sometimes even a seemingly innocent act, such as picking up a small piece of broken pottery or stone to bring home as a souvenir, can result in fines or imprisonment for "theft" or "vandalism".

...and here at home.

Recent changes to Canadian law now mean that Canadians may also be prosecuted in Canadian courts for acts committed against significant cultural heritage outside Canada. Other recent changes to Canadian law prohibit the illegal export of cultural objects from certain countries, whether or not the object is brought to Canada.

Stay informed and stay out of trouble!

For more information, consult the Department of Canadian Heritage website:
www.canadianheritage.gc.ca/travel



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