

Passports and Other Documents

Canadians need valid passports for travel to most countries. Never assume otherwise. Check with your travel agent or other competent source of information. Not even babies are exempt. They may be included in one of the parents' passport but it is recommended that they obtain their own.

Canadian citizens do not require passports or visas to visit the United States, Mexico and some Caribbean countries. However, those countries require proof of your Canadian citizenship and in some cases require tourist cards or other documents about which you should consult your travel agent, airline representative or the diplomatic or consular posts in Canada of the countries you might visit. Although you may not be required to produce a passport for a visit to a particular country, you are advised to obtain one anyway. Your Canadian passport remains the best internationally-accepted evidence of your Canadian citizenship, and should facilitate your contacts with the authorities and other citizens of the country you will visit.

If your passport is lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to the nearest police authorities and to the Canadian diplomatic or consular mission. Before a new passport can be issued you will have to produce documentary evidence of your Canadian citizenship, new photographs, and the full fee. If you must surrender your passport to a government official or at your hotel and do not receive it back in a reasonable time, inform the nearest Canadian diplomatic or consular mission.

Before you leave Canada make sure that your passport will be valid well beyond your return date, that you have signed it on page 3, and that the section of the passport for your address and a person to contact in case of accident is complete and up-to-date.

~~You should not carry your~~ You should carry your passport, travel ticket, identification documents, money, travelers' cheques, insurance, and credit cards all together. If you do, you risk being left entirely

without identification and funds in case of theft or loss.



Carry your passport securely in an inside pocket or in your handbag. Never leave it unattended, such as in luggage, on a tour bus, in a car or hotel room.

Foreign Visas and Other Entry and Exit Requirements

Every country has the right to set entry requirements, limit the duration of a visit and, if necessary, deny admission. Visas often cannot be obtained at a country's border. **To avoid possible detention or delays on arrival in a country you might visit,** consult first the diplomatic or consular mission of the country concerned, or your travel agent, about visas, entry and exit permits, health certificates and other possible requirements. Ask whether your country of destination requires that your passport be valid for a minimum period of time. Some do. Visa applications