

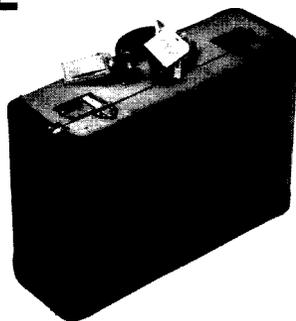
LEARN BEFORE YOU LEAVE

What could be more exciting than leaving familiar places behind and crossing unexplored frontiers! International travel does have its pleasures, but if you are uninformed and unprepared, it could also mean a lot of worries and woes.

The purpose of this booklet is to provide the knowledge and skills you need to travel responsibly and with confidence, while avoiding the pitfalls you could experience in foreign countries. It outlines

essential consular services available to you around the world and includes a directory of Canadian government offices abroad where help is at hand.

Learn *before* you leave Canada—with vital assistance from this booklet—and remember to pack a copy with you.



WHAT ARE CANADIAN CONSULAR SERVICES?

With approximately 260 offices in 150 countries worldwide, Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada is ready to assist Canadians travelling, working, studying, or living abroad.

Before you leave Canada, it is important to know which services we do and do not provide and to realize that not all Canadian government offices abroad provide the same services. Examples of these services are listed on page 3. However, the list is not exhaustive. The \$ symbol indicates which services are provided for a fee.

CONSULAR OFFICIALS PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING SERVICES

IN EMERGENCIES

- Assist in arranging an evacuation in the event of war, civil unrest, or a natural disaster, as a last resort (\$).
- Arrange help in a medical emergency by providing you with a list of local doctors and hospitals.
- Arrange for a medical evacuation if a necessary treatment is not available locally (\$).
- Comfort and assist victims of robbery, sexual assault, or other violence.

