

passport was issued for your child or whether the child was included in the other parent's passport. Consular Services can do this if you so request.

- If your child has only Canadian citizenship but the other parent has close ties to a particular country, inform the diplomatic or consular office of that country in Canada of what has happened and enquire whether a visa was issued for your child. Again, Consular Services can do this if you so request.

The Search

- Ensure that you have several certified copies of your custody order from the issuing court.
- Obtain information on the family and child welfare laws and customs of the country to which your child has been abducted.
- Find out the various legal aspects of your situation under Canadian law.
- Establish contact with relatives and friends of the other parent in Canada and abroad and try to enlist their support.
- Advise your child's school, doctor and hospital that he or she has been abducted and request that they inform you if they are contacted by the abducting parent.
- In consultation with your lawyer and the local police, consider whether it would be beneficial to obtain information from telephone and credit card companies on the whereabouts of the abducting parent.

After Your Child Has Been Located Abroad

- Obtain advice and guidance as to the necessity of retaining the services of a lawyer in the country where your child is located.
- If a foreign lawyer is retained, ensure that you fully understand what will be done, how much time it is likely to take and what costs will be involved.
- Provide the foreign lawyer with certified copies of all relevant documents.
- Consult with Consular Services to determine whether it would be appropriate for you to travel to the country concerned.

Legal Proceedings in Canada

- Seek advice and guidance on how to proceed from the Crown Attorney, your lawyer and/or your provincial/territorial central authority.