

religious artifacts, buildings, or local people.

- **Never take photographs of military facilities**, a harbour where naval vessels are docked, or industrial installations such as oil refineries. Your camera could be confiscated, and you could even come under suspicion of espionage.

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

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

While in a foreign country, you are subject to its laws and regulations. **Your Canadian citizenship offers no immunity.**

If you find yourself in trouble, Canadian consular officials abroad can provide a list of lawyers with the necessary expertise, contact your family and friends, and ensure you receive fair treatment **according to the standards of that country.** They cannot, however, wield any influence to reduce your sentence or fine.

Canadians may be prosecuted in Canadian courts for certain acts committed against significant cultural sites and objects outside Canada. In addition to foreign laws protecting cultural heritage, Canadian law now prohibits the illegal export of cultural objects from certain countries, whether or not the object is brought to Canada. For more information, consult canadianheritage.gc.ca/travel.

JUDICIAL PROCESS

Never assume that the legal system of another country is the same as at home. "Innocent until proven guilty" is not a universal principle.

If you are accused of a crime, you may be detained for an indefinite period, with no opportunity for bail, pending a verdict. In certain countries, you may not have a right to legal representation or to a trial in your own language.