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## TRAVELLING ABROAD?

Millions of Canadians go abroad every year. For most of us, travel is an enriching and enjoyable experience. For a few, however, travel may mean trouble.

To maximize the success of your journey and to minimize problems while abroad, Foreign Affairs Canada encourages a preventive approach to ensure safe and hassle-free travel.

We have developed this reference booklet to help you plan before you go. It includes essential information on consular services offered abroad, travel advice and Canadian government offices worldwide.

### What Are Canadian Consular Services?

Foreign Affairs Canada has more than 270 offices worldwide, where consular officials are ready to assist Canadians travelling, working or living abroad.

Before you leave Canada, it is important to be informed about the services we do and do not provide.

### Consular Officials Provide the Following Services:

#### In emergencies

- Assist in arranging evacuation in the event of war, civil unrest or a natural disaster.



- Arrange help in a medical emergency by providing you with a list of local doctors and hospitals.
- Arrange for a medical evacuation should a required treatment not be available locally (fees apply).
- Comfort and assist victims of robbery or other violence.
- Help find missing persons and abducted children.

#### When legal issues arise

- Provide you with a list of local lawyers.
- Provide you with sources of information about local laws and regulations.
- Seek to ensure that you are treated fairly under the country's laws if you are arrested or detained (see our publication *A Guide for Canadians Imprisoned Abroad*).
- Provide assistance if your child has been abducted and taken to another country (see our publication *International Child Abductions: A Manual for Parents*).
- Notarize documents (fees apply).