

INFORMATION FOR CANADIANS TRAVELLING ABROAD

Nothing can ruin a trip abroad more completely than running into unexpected problems, especially those that could have been easily avoided. This booklet shows you that there are many things you can do to help ensure trouble-free travel. It can help you both before your departure and during your stay abroad. Read it before you leave Canada, complete the checklist on the centrefold and then keep it for reference while you are away.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

Passport

You may be asked in any country to provide proof of citizenship or to show tourist cards or other documents. Your passport remains the best internationally-accepted evidence of your Canadian citizenship.

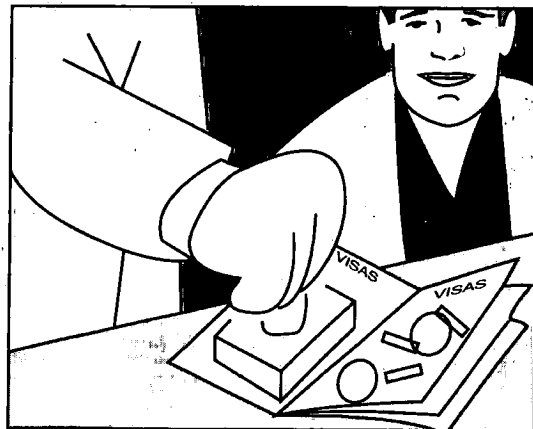
You and your family need valid passports for travel to most countries. Never assume otherwise. Children may have their own passports, or, under the age of 16, they may be included in one of the parents' passports. Children travelling alone must have their own passports. Keep in mind that some countries require that a child carry his or her own passport whether travelling with a parent or not. If there has been a separation or divorce, only the parent having been granted custody of the children may apply for a passport or include them in his or her own passport.

To obtain a Canadian passport, you must be a Canadian citizen and complete the passport application form that may be obtained at passport offices, post offices and travel agencies. The passport application contains information on how to obtain a passport. Contact the passport office or your travel agent about the fee.

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 for your address and person to contact in case of emergency is completed and up-to-date.

Sometimes you will have to surrender your passport to a foreign government official or hotel employee. If you don't get it back in a reasonable time, inform the nearest Canadian mission.

Never carry your passport, travel ticket, identification documents, money, traveller's cheques, insurance and credit cards together. You risk being left entirely without identification and funds in case of theft or loss.



Your passport is a valuable document. Guard it carefully. Carry it securely in an inside pocket or a hand-bag. Don't keep it in your luggage, and don't leave it in cars, buses or hotel rooms when you are not around.

If your passport is lost or stolen, report the loss immediately to the local police and to the nearest Canadian mission. Before a new passport can be issued, you must complete an application form, produce documentary evidence of your Canadian citizenship (e.g., birth or citizenship certificate), present new photographs and pay the full fee. A photocopy of the identification page of your passport will also be helpful.