## Protect your identity: What to do if your passport is lost or stolen?

Your Canadian passport is a valuable identification document. If your passport is lost or stolen, the document and your identity are open to misuse.

Report a lost or stolen passport as quickly as possible to Passport Canada, so that the Agency can immediately cancel it. This is an essential step in preventing identity fraud and criminal misuse of the passport.

## My passport has been stolen or lost. What should I do?

- 1. Report the loss or theft as soon as possible to Passport Canada. If you are in Canada call 1 800 567-6868, or file a report at a Passport Canada office. When outside of Canada, contact the nearest Canadian government office, such as a Canadian Embassy or Consulate.
- 2. File a report with the local police.
- 3. Apply for a new passport as soon as you can.

You must also complete a *Statutory Declaration concerning a Lost, Stolen, Inaccessible or Destroyed Canadian Passport or Travel Document* (PPT 203) form.

## I reported my passport lost or stolen, then later found it. Can I use it again?

No. Under no circumstances should anyone attempt to use a passport already reported lost or stolen. That passport is permanently cancelled, and cannot be reinstated. If you do recover your passport, notify Passport Canada immediately.

## What can I do to prevent identity theft resulting from the loss of my passport?

Keep your passport in a secure place at all times. When traveling, make use of a room or hotel safe. Passport Canada advises you to make a copy of the identification page (page 2) of your passport, and to keep the photocopy separate from the original. This will make it easier for you to report any theft or loss to Passport Canada and the local police.

Need more information? Visit www.passportcanada.gc.ca or call 1 800 567-6868.

