

BORDER CROSSING GENERAL INFORMATION:

For the most up-to-date and accurate information, please contact:

Canada Customs

Customs Border Services Agency

Fort Frances, Ontario, Canada

(807) 274-3655, ext. 240

24 hours a day Or visit their web site at www.cbsa.gc.ca

U.S. Border Crossing Requirements Changed on June 1, 2009 ! - please see the below section listed as Returning back to the United States for more information.

1. ALL VISITORS to Canada, including children must carry identification. When you enter Canada, a border services officer may ask to see your passport and a valid visa, when necessary. If you are a citizen of the United States, you do not need a passport to enter Canada; however, you should carry proof of your citizenship such as a birth certificate, certificate of citizenship or naturalization or a Certificate of Indian Status, as well as a photo ID. If you are a permanent resident of the United States, you must bring your permanent resident card (i.e. green card) with you.

Children travelling with someone other than their legal guardian should have written permission.

Children under the age of 18 are classified as minors and are subject to the same entry requirements as any other visitor to Canada. They conduct a more detailed examination of minors entering Canada without proper identification or those travelling in the company of adults other than their parents or legal guardian(s). Minors travelling alone must have proof of citizenship and a letter from both parents detailing the length of stay, providing the parents' telephone number and authorizing the person waiting for them to take care of them while they are in Canada. If you are travelling with minors, you must carry proper identification for each child such as a birth certificate, passport, citizenship card, permanent resident card or Certificate of Indian Status.

2. Visitors to Canada may bring in certain goods for their own use in Canada as "personal baggage", duty and tax free goods, provided all such items are reported at Customs on arrival and are not subject to restrictions. Personal baggage includes clothing, camping and sports equipment, cameras, tape recorders and personal computers. It also includes vehicles, private boats and aircraft. You must declare all goods when you arrive at the CBSA port of entry. Border services officers do conduct examinations of goods being imported or exported to verify declarations. If you declare goods when you arrive and take them back with you when you leave, you will not have to pay any duty or taxes. These goods cannot be used by a resident of Canada or on behalf of a business based in Canada, be given as a gift to a Canadian resident or disposed of or left in Canada.

3. There are age requirements and quantity restrictions when importing Alcohol or Tobacco Products. You are allowed to import only one of the following amounts of alcohol free of duty and taxes:

1.5 litres (53 imperial ounces) of wine;

1.14 litres (40 ounces) of liquor;
a total of 1.14 litres (40 ounces) of wine and liquor; or
24 x 355 millilitre (12 ounces) cans or bottles (maximum of 8.5 litres) of beer or ale.

You are allowed to bring in all of the following amounts of tobacco into Canada without paying duty:

200 cigarettes;
50 cigars or cigarillos;
200 grams (7 ounces) of manufactured tobacco; and
200 tobacco sticks.

You may bring in additional quantities but you will have to pay full duty and taxes on the excess amount.

4. The importation of alcoholic beverages is limited to persons who have attained the legal age as prescribed by the province at point of entry. The minimum ages are as follows: Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Saskatchewan, British Columbia, Northwest Territories and Yukon is 19, Quebec, Manitoba and Alberta, and Prince Edward Island is 18.

5. Tobacco products may only be imported by persons who are the age of 19 or over.

6. Currency and Monetary Instruments - If you are importing or exporting monetary instruments equal to or greater than CAN\$10,000 (or its equivalent in a foreign currency), whether in cash or other monetary instruments, you must report it to the CBSA when you arrive or before you leave Canada.

7. Food - A reasonable supply of food, consistent with the length of stay and number of people in the party, providing it is for personal use is allowed duty and tax free entry. Canada has complex requirements, restrictions and limits on the import of meat, eggs, dairy products, honey, fresh fruits and vegetables and other food from around the world. For example, root crops may be regulated and potatoes are prohibited. You can avoid problems by not bringing these kinds of goods into Canada.

8. Firearms and Weapons - Canada's firearms legislation helps make the country safer for both residents and visitors. Before you attempt to import a firearm or weapon, contact the Canada Firearms Centre for information.

The following requirements apply to the importation of firearms and weapons:

you must be at least 18 years of age;
you can import non-restricted and restricted firearms, provided you meet all requirements; and you cannot import prohibited firearms, weapons or devices, including silencers, replica firearms, switchblades and other weapons.

You must declare all weapons and firearms at the CBSA port of entry or they will be seized and you may be subject to arrest.

As a visitor, you may temporarily import restricted firearms and non-restricted firearms, such as pistols or revolvers, provided you get Form CAFC 679, Application for an Authorization to Transport Restricted Firearms and Prohibited Firearms in advance from a chief firearms officer of the province or territory to which you are importing a restricted firearm.

As a seasonal resident, you may import restricted firearms but you must have a valid Possession and Acquisition Licence or a valid Firearms Acquisition Certificate, in addition to Form CAFC 679. For more information on importing a firearm into Canada, ask for a copy of the publication called Importing a Firearm or Weapon Into Canada or call the BIS line at one of the numbers listed in the section called

"Additional information."

For more information about applying for a Canadian firearms licence or Form CAFC 679, contact: Canada Firearms Centre Ottawa ON K1A 1M6 Telephone: 1-800-731-4000 (toll-free in Canada and the United States) 506-624-5380 (from all other countries) Facsimile: 613-957-7325 E-mail: cfc-cafc@cfc-cafc.gc.ca Web site: www.cfc.gc.ca Replica firearms are designed or intended to resemble a firearm with near precision. They are classified as prohibited devices and you cannot import them into Canada. Mace or pepper spray that is used for the purpose of injuring, immobilizing or otherwise incapacitating any person is considered a prohibited weapon. You cannot import it into Canada. Aerosol or similar dispensers that contain substances capable of repelling or subduing animals are not considered weapons if the label of the container specifically indicates that they are for use against animals

9. Pets - Dogs and cats from the USA must be accompanied by a valid RABIES certificate, signed and dated by a veterinarian. While pups and kittens under the age of three months do not require a rabies vaccination certificate to enter Canada, they must be in good health at the time of entry.

10. Bait - (In Ontario) LEECHES, LIVE MINNOWS, SMELT, and WAX WORMS ARE PROHIBITED! Frozen or salted minnows are allowed. Live earthworms are permitted, but must be packed in artificial bedding. (No earth or soil).

11. Vehicles and Private Boats - during your visit in Canada, you can temporarily import passenger and recreational vehicles, such as snowmobiles, outboard motors, boats, trailers and most other kinds of vehicles for your personal use.

ALL ITEMS LISTED ABOVE MUST BE DECLARED TO THE FIRST CUSTOMS INSPECTOR SPEAKING TO YOU

Border Crossing Fees *subject to change without notice

When crossing the International Border at International Falls, MN, USA / Fort Frances, ON, Canada, there is a toll booth as you come into Canada.

The toll fees are as follows: \$6.00 US or around \$9.00 Canadian to cross.

You may chose to purchase a swipe card which is good for 12 round trips, although they do have an expiry date. Swipe cards can be purchased at Canada Safeway (417 Scott Street) in Fort Frances at a cost of \$14.00 Canadian. Cards can also be purchased in International Falls at Stop & Shop, Super One, and Super Value for \$10.00 US

Returning Back to the United States for US citizens

For the most up-to-date and accurate information, please contact: Customs & Border Protection

1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, D.C. 20229

877-CBP -5511

703-526-4200

24 hours a day Or visit their web site at <http://www.cbp.gov/>

U.S. Border Crossing Requirements Changed on June 1, 2009!

On June 1, 2009, U.S. citizens returning home from Canada, Mexico, the Caribbean or Bermuda, by land or sea, will be required to present one of the travel documents listed below.

Many of these documents are already available, and obtaining one now will ensure that you are ready on June 1, 2009, when they will be required.

U.S. Passport This is an internationally recognized travel document that verifies a persons identity and nationality. It is accepted for travel by air, land and sea.

U.S. Passport Card This is a new, limited-use travel document that fits in your wallet and costs less than a U.S. Passport. It is only valid for travel by land and sea.

Enhanced Drivers License (EDL) Several states and Canadian provinces are issuing this drivers license or identification document that denotes identity and citizenship. It is specifically designed for cross-border travel into the U.S. by land or sea.

Trusted Traveler Program Cards NEXUS, SENTRI or FAST enrollment cards can speed your entry into the U.S. and are issued only to pre-approved, low-risk travelers. The cards are valid for use at land or sea; the NEXUS card can be used in airports with a NEXUS kiosk.

Special Groups Information for Children, Groups of Children, Native Americans, "Closed Loop" Cruises, U.S. Lawful Permanent Residents, U.S. Military, Merchant Mariners, Ferries and Small Boats, and Boaters.

Knowing what documents are required and having them ready when you return home will help streamline the entry process and ensure your return to the U.S. is as smooth as possible.