

# Consular services for Swedes abroad

The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Sweden's embassies are responsible for providing consular services – advice and support – to Swedes abroad in various emergency situations. Our consular services are based on the Swedish consular regulatory framework and are provided equitably and in a legally certain manner irrespective of where you are in the world. Circumstances and regulations vary from country to country and can sometimes influence how the consular mandate is carried out. Remember that personal responsibility is key when travelling abroad.

## What you need to do before travelling abroad

- Research your travel destination to learn how the country's laws and customs could affect you and your trip.
- Read the Ministry for Foreign Affairs' advice against travel and travel information at [www.government.se](http://www.government.se) and [www.swedenabroad.se](http://www.swedenabroad.se)
- Make sure you have a valid passport and visa where necessary. Contact the country's embassy to find out what applies.
- Make sure you have insurance that covers the duration of the trip and your planned activities.
- Make sure you have enough money for the duration of the trip, including for a return ticket, and unforeseen expenses.
- It is a good idea to submit your contact information to the list of Swedes abroad: [www.swedenabroad.se/sv/svensklistan](http://www.swedenabroad.se/sv/svensklistan). This will allow the Ministry for Foreign Affairs or the Swedish Embassy to contact you if necessary.
- Notify relatives of your travel plans and how you can be reached.
- Download the UD Resklar app and activate push notifications for the countries you want to monitor.
- Keep in mind that not all countries recognise dual citizenship.

## What we can help you with

- Providing information on how to resolve your situation if you are involved in an emergency situation abroad.
- Issuing regular or provisional passports.
- Providing information on how to transfer money from your own bank accounts.
- Contacting your relatives in Sweden.
- Guiding you in dealings with local authorities in the country.
- Providing a loan for returning home to Sweden in an emergency situation when all other options have been exhausted. The loan must be repaid.
- Providing information and support in a major crisis situation.
- If you are arrested by police and are detained, we can contact your relatives (with your consent) and provide information on finding a public counsel.
- In the event of a death abroad, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs can keep in touch with your relatives and assist them with practical matters.

## What we cannot do

- We cannot influence entry and exit provisions of other countries if you are denied entry or exit.
- We do not provide general tourist information or arrange housing or subsistence abroad.
- We do not offer any banking, interpreting or translation services.
- If you are arrested by police or are detained abroad, we cannot arrange special treatment because you are Swedish. The laws in the country you are in always apply.
- We do not pay debts, bail, fines or lawyer costs.
- We cannot interfere in the legal proceedings of other countries.
- The Ministry for Foreign Affairs does not pay for repatriation of a coffin/urn in the event of a death abroad.



**If you need assistance in an emergency situation when the Embassy is closed, you can contact the Ministry for Foreign Affairs out-of-hours service in Stockholm around the clock via the Embassy's telephone switchboard.**

