

Tips



Learning activity

What to do when losing documents

Losing your passport or other documents while you are traveling abroad can be a real nightmare. Although this is a serious situation, it is not the end of the world. The first thing you need to do is take a deep breath, calm down and know everything you have to do to solve the problem.

Here are five tips that can help you avoid much distress.

1. Take a photocopy of your passport, credit cards and other important documents such as travel insurance, identity card and driving license before you go on a trip.
2. Leave your passport in the hotel safe and carry only a photocopy of it. Take your passport with you only when strictly necessary.
3. If you lose your passport, or any other personal documents, go to the nearest police station and make a police report. It prevents other people from using your personal information. Then go to the consulate for information on what to do next.
4. Try to get a visa or a new passport from the consulate or embassy of your country. You can also contact the local consulate to find out what the next steps are, so you can leave the country without any problem.