

Foreword



In common with many nations, Canada is keen to encourage our children to visit other countries and experience different cultures. The benefits are vast and it is our sincere hope that future generations will mature with a greater understanding of the differences that are present across the globe.

Today, there are numerous opportunities for children but we must all ensure the dangers that do exist are not permitted to ruin these occasions.

I would like to commend this excellent series to anyone who cares about the safety and well-being of children and youth, those who visit us in Canada as well as those young Canadians who adventure abroad.



The Honourable Landon Pearson, Senator
Advisor on Children's Rights to the
Minister of Foreign Affairs



As Chairman of ChildLine I recognise the important role good communication plays in making children feel safe. In the same way, it is crucial that all those involved in organising or facilitating visits by children to families abroad can provide a safe environment for the young people. The contents of this book are designed to offer you clear and unambiguous information and advice to achieve that goal.

I am more than happy to give my support to ensuring this activity is as safe as possible.



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