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# **Find Out How To Replace A Lost U.S. Online Passport**

When even the most experienced traveler loses his or her passport, panic may ensue. However, replacements are easy to obtain and may even be expedited so that travel plans may continue as scheduled. The US State Department recommends the immediate reporting of a stolen or lost passport in order to avert an identity theft situation.

#### Form DS-64

People should start by filling out Form DS-64. The form has spaces for personal information, the card and book numbers for old passports and a paragraph explaining where, when and how the documents were lost. People must also explain any actions they took in an attempt to recover their passports. The form may be mailed to the State department, if travelers are not immediately seeking new documentation and the address is available on the State Department website.

#### Form DS-11

Those applying for new passports should submit their DS-64, along with Form DS-11. Form DS-11 should be left unsigned and signed only in the presence of the acceptance agent. To provide proof of US citizenship, citizens will have to bring identification to the agency. Acceptable forms of identification include a driver's license, government or military ID or a naturalization certificate. Certain secondary forms of ID may also be accepted including a social security card, an employee ID card or a letter from an identifying witness. Applicants should also be prepared to pay the accompanying fee.

#### Photocopies Of ID

Applicants must photocopy their identifying documentation. The photocopy should have images of both the back and front of identifying documents and should be printed on white 8 1/2 by 11 inch paper. Images may be increased in size but may not be decreased in size. Also, images may only appear on one side of the page and the page must be clear of other markings or images.

#### Photograph

The State Department mandates a photograph for replacement passports. Each photograph must depict the applicant's current appearance and must adhere to stringent State Department guidelines. Most applicants utilize a professional photo service to ensure compliance.

#### In Person Or Online?

In-person application is required when replacing stolen or lost passports. When travel is scheduled in two weeks or fewer, applicants may schedule appointments with their regional office. Appointments are scheduled through an automated telephone process after which an applicant will receive the address of the office, the time of the appointment and the confirmation number. Applicants will pay the standard fee as well as the rush fee and should come to the office with all documentation, including travel itineraries or e-tickets.

#### Expedited Services

A private expeditor will help travelers with the process of securing new passports. Before employing an expeditor, applicants should make sure that the company has a working phone number and should make sure that they understand the company's rates. Additionally, applicants should browse online to see if comments have been posted about other customer experiences.

Whatever the circumstances, losing a passport may be an unsettling experience. Reporting the loss right away and replacing documentation quickly will ensure that people experience no delays or identity theft issues because of the stolen or [lost US online passport](#). To find more detailed information, people may check the US Department of State website or contact their nearest agency. You can always get an [expedited new passport](#).

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