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# **Reporting And Replacing A Lost American Pasport**

For anyone who has ever lost a passport or any other important identification document such as a driving license, they all agree that the loss of these important documents is scary and terrifying mainly because you are not sure in whose hand the document will land. This becomes worse if you are on trip or about to go for one. It is wise to have the lost passport reported to the authorities concerned as soon immediately so that the document can be declared invalid. This invalidation is important because you cannot get into trouble even if the document is criminally used elsewhere.

### Recovered Documents

If the passport is recovered in a later date, it should be handed over to the relevant authorities to have it destroyed. Luckily, there are services established to help people with urgent travel need get their replacements done within a short time- as short as 24 hours. This service is called the emergency passport service and it involves processing emergency passports.

### Replacement

There are different avenues for replacing a lost passport. If the document is not needed in a short period of time then it can a replacement can be applied for. This can take about 8 weeks. If it is needed in a short period of time then expediting services must be used, this guarantees the documents arrival in the necessary time period.

### Expediting

It should be noted that services are available for people who need their passports urgently and are unable to wait for the above-mentioned processing time. The best way to go about this is by contacting private service providers who offer replacement services and you are able to get your document within 1-2 business days.

### Paperwork

This will require doing the same paperwork although there might be an additional form, which is sometimes required by the company to use for indemnification functions. It should be noted that these providers charge an additional fee over the charges by the government. This fee however, is worth it because you get a good service for it.

### Documentation

Before applying for the replacement passport, always verify what documents are needed. There are many resources out there that list the needed documents as well as allow for an application download. This should ensure that all documentation is correct and all the needed paperwork is in order when applying for a replacement.

### Acceptable Forms

A birth certificate is the most important document as it proves your citizenship. Among other details required will be your birthplace, social security number and actual age. Original birth certificate is preferred over copies and if you use certified copies, entity's official seal will be required to have them accepted.

### Assistance In A Foreign Land

In cases where the document gets lost during a trip, you will be required to show the plane ticket or travel itinerary. Two color photographs are also required and they should meet the required specifications failure to which they are rejected. You can ensure that you have the required size by having them taken by a professional photographer.

When all this has been done, you send the complete [new pages for United States passport](#) application and any additional forms, photos and identification documentation to the service company handling your

replacement. Use a mailing option that allows for parcel tracking to be safe. After you do this, your replacement for the [lost American passport](#) will be in order.

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