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Passports are important travel documents issued by the United States that should be safeguarded at all times. Should you experience a stolen passport, you have to take immediate action. A number of steps should be taken in following legal procedure to replace the travel document as fast as possible.

### Step 1

The very first requirement in a case where the document has gone missing is to report the incident to relevant authorities. If the document was taken while in the United States, you are advised to contact the Department of Services in the United States for passports to invalidate the item. Individuals who are out of the country must seek the services of the Embassy or Consulate.

### DS-64

The DS-64 form is usually required to be completed and must be done as soon as possible. The specific form is necessary in recording your statement, which will document that it has been lost as a result of theft. The alternative to filling out the necessary documentation is to contact the Passport Services of the United States that will invalidate the document.

### Stays Invalid

Once these agencies have been contacted and the document has been invalidated, it is considered no longer usable and cannot be re-validated. For those who are in international borders, you must visit the U. S. Embassy and Consulate in person. The State Department must be notified of your loss immediately and completion of the DS-64 form should be posted.

### Accuracy

Always proof read the forms to ensure that all items have been correctly answered which is important for processing the particular application. Often a police report is required to be submitted with the particular documentation that states the situation in which the specific item was taken from you. Once all details have been documented, the forms may be posted to the Passport Services of the United States Department.

### Loss of a Valid Passport

Valid passports that have been illegally taken from you will require that both forms DS-64 and DS-11 are completed. In cases where the missing document is still valid, it will have to be invalidated and this is why it is necessary to complete form DS-11 for a replacement. One must remember to include a number of important documents in application for a new legal document.

### Identification

These documents include presentation of a certified birth certificate or Certificate of Naturalization. For proof of identification one may include copies of driver license and government or state issued identification card including 2 passport size pictures. Charges apply to the application for a new document and if the travel item is needed in a short period of time, extra fees apply to expedition services.

Once the item is reported as a [stolen expedited passport](#), it will be invalidated and the document can no longer be used for travel purposes. The application process for obtaining a new legal document requires that you appear in person. The procedure for a stolen passport requires that individuals complete designated forms for reporting the incident and then applying for a new document to replace it. Whether it's stolen or damaged you can request an [expedited damaged passport](#) if you need it quickly.

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