

HOW TO PROVE YOUR LINK TO FAMILY MEMBERS IN CANADA?

CLAIMING ASYLUM AT A CANADIAN BORDER POST:



To claim asylum at a Canadian border post, you need to meet an exception to the Safe Third Country Agreement. One of these exceptions is having a close family member in Canada (read our document: **"Who can claim asylum at the border"** for the list of eligible family members).

WHAT DOCUMENTS DO YOU NEED TO BRING WITH YOU?*



BEFORE ENTERING CANADA:

- Notify relatives in Canada.
- Relatives do not have to be present at the border, but it can be useful if they are able to prove family links.
- If not present they will be called and interviewed.

HAVE YOUR DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFICATION CARDS READY:

- Show originals or copies of your documents.
- Examples of identity documents: passport, birth certificate, national ID, or marriage certificate.



COMMON LAW RELATIONSHIPS:

- You must bring proof that you have been living together with your partner for at least one year.
- Proof can include shared ownership of residential property, joint leases, rental agreements, or bills for shared utility accounts (gas, electricity, telephone).



*The information contained here is to be used only as a guide and is not legal advice.
If you have any questions, seek legal assistance.