HOW TO PROVE YOUR LINK TO FAMILY MEMBERS IN CANADA?

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CLAIMING ASYLUM ATA 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 DOCUMENTSAND 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).