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WHO CAN CLAIM ASYLUM AT THE BORDER?

RESTRICTIONS:

The Canadian government has put restrictions on who can claim asylum at the border.

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Under the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA), you cannot make a claim at the Canadian border unless you qualify for an exception to the Agreement.

THE STCA DOES NOT APPLY

TO YOU IF:

* You are a U.S. citizen
* You are a stateless person and have lived in the U.S. for a significant period of time

EXCEPTIONS TO THE AGREEMENT:

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| You have a valid ~  Canadian visa, a work *\ ■— \*  permit or a study permit. J\* | ^4 3. You face the death  penalty in your country or the United States. |
| 2. You are under 18 and ? \*4  your parents are not ,  in the United States. '■ R  11 H | 4. You have close family memters who are ILh iiving in Canada." |
| 'The STCA recognizes a family member as the following: spouse, legal guardian, child, father or mother, sister or brother, grandfather or grandmother, grandchild, uncle or aunt, nephew or niece, common-law partner, same-sex spouse with a legal status in Canada. | |

For more information on the Safe Third Country Agreement (SCTA): [htlp:lvwwccb)3-asftigcca7agency-.agefnoe7stca-etps-eng.html](http://www.csba-asfc.gc.ca/agency-agence/stca-etps-eng.html)

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