

Forced Marriage: SAFETY TIPS

If you are currently in a forced marriage situation please take the following precautionary steps to ensure your safety:

- Open a bank account in your own name;
- Leave spare copies of important documents such as passport, Social Insurance Number, and birth certificate with a trusted person;
- Leave spare clothing, cash and other necessities with a trusted person;
- Have a telephone card or change for urgent calls;
- Keep helpline and other important numbers close at hand; and
- Arrange alternative emergency accommodation.

If / when you decide to leave the forced marriage situation, take your personal possessions such as:

- Proof of identity (something with a photograph and signature i.e. passport, student ID, driver's license **AND** Social Insurance Number)
- Any medication and medical cards;
- Address book and any photographs;
- Marriage/divorce papers; and
- Jewellery, clothing and other valuables.

If you plan to leave the country, **DO NOT** forget to register with Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade at www.travel.gc.ca/register.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Outside Canada:

If you are outside Canada, contact the Emergency Watch and Response Centre via email at sos@international.gc.ca or telephone at 1 (613) 996-8885 (collect calls accepted from most countries).

Inside Canada:

If you are in danger you can always call 9-1-1.

If you need more information on forced marriage or want to talk about your own situation we can help you (our services are free and confidential).

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