

Are you in the U.S. and want to ask for asylum at the Canadian Border?



The Canadian government has put restrictions on refugee claims made at the border.

Under the Canada-U.S. Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA), persons seeking refugee protection must make a claim in the United States, unless they 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 lived in the U.S. during a significant period of time.

For information on how to claim refugee status in the U.S.:

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

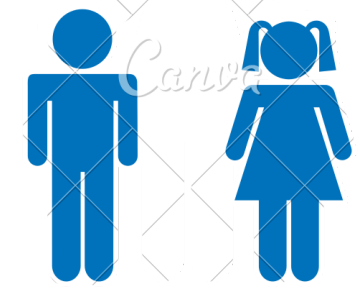
<http://www.unhcr.org/en-us/asylum-resources.html>

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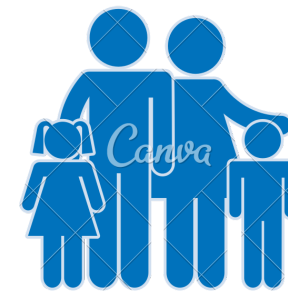
EXCEPTIONS to the STCA



You have a valid Canadian visa, a work permit or a study permit



You are under 18 and none of your parents are in the United States



You have close family members who are living in Canada



You face the death penalty in your country or the United States

For more information on Safe Third Country Agreement (STCA):

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/agency-agence/stca-etps-eng.html>

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.**

