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WHO CAN MAKE AN ASYLUM CLAIM AT THE BORDER?

RESTRICTIONS

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



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 STCA

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



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



2. You are under 18 and neither of your parents are in the United States.



4. You have close **family members** who are living 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):**

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