

U.S. Travel Laws Change on June 1, 2009

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court, is reminding all Collier County residents that on June 1, 2009 the full requirements of the land and sea phase of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) will take effect. All persons traveling by land, sea or air will be required to have a passport, passport card or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

This includes travel to and from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the Caribbean region (includes 17 nations).

The Clerk's office acts as passport agent on behalf of the U.S. Department of State but does not issue passports. As a service to the community, the Clerk of the Circuit Court acts as an acceptance facility for the U.S. Passport Service in Miami, FL.

In this capacity, the Clerk's staff at the government center complex or any one of the Clerk's satellite offices located throughout Collier County, ensures that passport application forms are filled out properly in accordance with U.S. State Department requirements and are accompanied by the proper documentation and fees.

Citizens are encouraged to make application early for passports as lead times are expected to grow as the deadline nears.

To learn the latest information about the requirements for land, sea or air travel; go to the U. S. Department of State website <http://travel.state.gov/passports/> or visit www.CollierClerk.com.

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