

# Death in a Foreign Country

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Canadians love to travel. Many of our friends and families are living around the world. We like to warm up in southern countries and tour exotic lands. We should be prepared for any emergencies that may arise. An accidental or natural death is always a possibility. The MSED web site <http://www.memorialsocietyedmonton.ca> now has links to help you know how to proceed smoothly at such an upsetting moment.

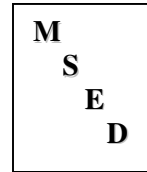
The first step a Canadian should take in the case of a *Death in a Foreign Country* is to **contact the nearest Canadian Consulate**. You may be hesitant to contact the consulate first. But being experienced at having traumatic situations arise abroad and knowing of experiences of others, I can say the Canadian Consulate personnel far exceed the helpfulness and thoughtfulness of other countries consulates. Most travel-associated personnel can direct you to the nearest Consulate or at least help you find a telephone number or web site

The consulate staff will help with everything from notifying family, examining the cause of death, obtaining proper documentation, making arrangements for disposal or transportation of remains, etc. Such help is also provided if you are in Canada and notified of a death of a Canadian relative or friend traveling abroad.

If you make the arrangements on your own, you may run into difficulties. For instance, there are rules regulating what type of cremation container you may carry on an airplane! It may also be difficult to obtain the proper documentation that you will need in the future.

*Do your homework, travel prepared* take along the e-mail addresses above *and enjoy your trips!*

**Tuck this in your suitcase!**



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### For Memorial Society links from the MSED Web Site

[www.memorialsocietyedmonton.ca](http://www.memorialsocietyedmonton.ca)

### For quick link to Ontario FOOMS

<http://www.myfuneralplan.org>

### For quick link to British Columbia Memorial Societies

<http://www.memorial-society.bc.ca>

### For quick link to U.S.A. Memorial Societies

<http://www.funerals.org>