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## Island Dreams Travel Tip **Replacing a Lost Passport – Save a Trip Kit**

Should your passport become lost or stolen while traveling, you will be faced with the daunting task of filing for a replacement. Prepare yourself in advance by carrying a "Save a Trip Kit" containing the following documentation and support items:

- Three passport photos (two are required, plus one extra for visa use)
- Notarized copy of your certified birth certificate
- Photostatic copy of the photo page of your current passport, indicating passport number, place of issue, date of issue, and expiry date
- Your social security number and/or copy of your Social Security Card
- A \$110.00 passport renewal fee
- Additional photo I.D., such as a copy of your driver's license
- Copy of your Health Insurance Card, and your DAN Diving Insurance
- Plenty of emergency cash and a credit card or two authorized for international.

This "Save a Trip Kit" will all fit into an envelope and/or in a waterproof sandwich bag. Tuck a few away in various pieces of luggage. In view of human frailties and the imperatives of Murphy's Law, suggest you also consider the following suggestions:

1. **Keep your passport on your person, buttoned down and out of sight. Have two duplicate copies of this ID data packed in multiple pieces of luggage, i.e. one checked, one carry-on.**
2. **Maintain an additional set of these "Save a Trip" documents with your home and/or office, stateside, ready for immediate express mailing.**
3. **Also have all these documents scanned and online where you may access them as needed.**
4. **When traveling abroad, it's good to know where the nearest U.S. Embassy is located.**
5. **Wear a smile, but remain on your guard at all times. Safeguard your I.D., airline ticket receipts, and other valuables. Avoid emergencies by preparing yourself in advance.**

One need not travel very far a field to know how lucky we are to live in the U.S.A. Your American citizenship and U.S. passport are of inestimable value...guard them well. Here's wishing you safe and exciting travels!

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