

## Passport 201: Safe Travels

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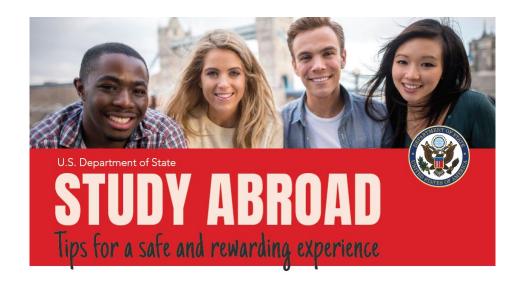
## Minneapolis Passport Agency





## **Topics**

- Check your passport
- Safe travel tips
- Stay Informed
- Jobs?



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# Check Your Passport Book



### Lost/Stolen/Damaged?

If you were issued a passport, but it is lost, stolen, or damaged, then you will need to obtain a replacement.





#### **Check Your Expiration Date**

- Many countries require passports to be valid for at least six months after arrival abroad.
- You will not be allowed to board an international flight if you do not have the required amount of validity remaining.
- Renew your passport one year before it expires.





## Applying for a Passport

- Apply at least 3 months in advance
- If you only have a passport card, you will need the book
- Free application form filler: <u>https://pptform.state.gov/?Submit2=Complete+Online+</u> <u>%26+Print</u>
- The #1 problem with applications is unacceptable photos
- Find the location to submit your application: <a href="https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/">https://iafdb.travel.state.gov/</a>
  - TIP: Avoid websites that charge a fee
  - TIP: Bring student ID in addition to driver's license



## What's Needed to Apply?

- 1) DS-11 application
- 2) One photo
- 3) Identification
- 4) Photocopy of ID
- 5) Citizenship evidence
- 6) Photo of citizenship evidence
- 7) Payment















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## Safe Travel



## U.S. Department of State



U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark



#### **Assistance Overseas**

- Emergency Passports
- Medical Emergencies
- Arrests
- Victim Assistance
- Welfare & Whereabouts
- Repatriation
- Deaths & Estates

- Crisis Response
- Citizenship Documentation
- Notarial Services
- Voting Assistance
- Federal Programs
- International Parental Child Abduction
- Intercountry Adoption



#### Traveler's Checklist

- ✓ Get Required Documents
- ✓ Get Informed
- ✓ Get Enrolled (STEP)
- ✓ Get Insured

United States Department of State

TRAVELER'S CHECKLIST

Travel Smart. Travel Safe. Travel Well.

Before traveling abroad, make sure to:

GET INFORMED about your destination at travel.state.gov/destination, and plan for the unexpected at travel.state.gov/crisis.

GET REQUIRED DOCUMENTS, such as your passport and visas.

GET ENROLLED in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) at step.state.gov to receive security and emergency alerts.

GET INSURED for medical, evacuation, and other unexpected expenses.

- ➤ Visit: Travel.State.Gov/TravelersChecklist
- Visit: studentsabroad.state.gov



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#### Traveler's Checklist

Safety and Security Messaging

Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

Traveler Information

LGBTQI+ Travelers

Adventure Travel

U.S. Travelers in Europe

High-Risk Area Travelers

Travelers with Dual Nationality

Journalist Travelers

Faith-Based Travelers

Pilgrimage Travelers (Hajj and Umrah)

#### U.S. Students Abroad

Cruise Ship Passengers

Women Travelers

Travelers with Disabilities

Older Travelers

U.S. Volunteers Abroad

Travelers with Pets

#### U.S. Students Abroad



#### **Current Outbreak of Coronavirus**

Students should check out the CDC Studying Abroad Travel Advice and Tips website before considering study abroad.

One of our top priorities is the safety and security of U.S. students traveling, studying, and living abroad. Exploring new destinations and experiencing other cultures is both rewarding and exciting, but it is also important to do so safely. Be mindful of your surroundings, learn the local laws and customs, keep a low profile and be prepared. Every traveler is unique, students with <u>special</u> considerations – such as women and LGBTQI+ travelers – may face additional challenges in other countries.

Sometimes – in spite of good planning – things can still go wrong when you are abroad. Prepare for the unexpected by reading about how to <u>plan for a crisis overseas</u> before you go. If you do find yourself facing an emergency situation while overseas, contact the American Citizens Services unit at the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Take time to learn about your destinations. Discuss with family and friends when and how you will check in, so they can contact you in case of an emergency. If possible, you should take advantage of the sharing location function on your smart device.

In past years, there have been reports from U.S. citizens concerned they may have consumed tainted alcohol. Drink responsibly and in moderation. Stop and seek medical attention if you begin to feel ill. Students are more likely to encounter theft and assault when they are in an unfamiliar environment and unskilled at interpreting the environment and language. If you have guestions or need to report an

#### **Enroll in STEP**



Subscribe to get up-to-date safety and security information and help us reach you in an emergency abroad.

Recommended Web Browsers: Microsoft Edge or Google Chrome.

#### Learn about your destination

Country or area

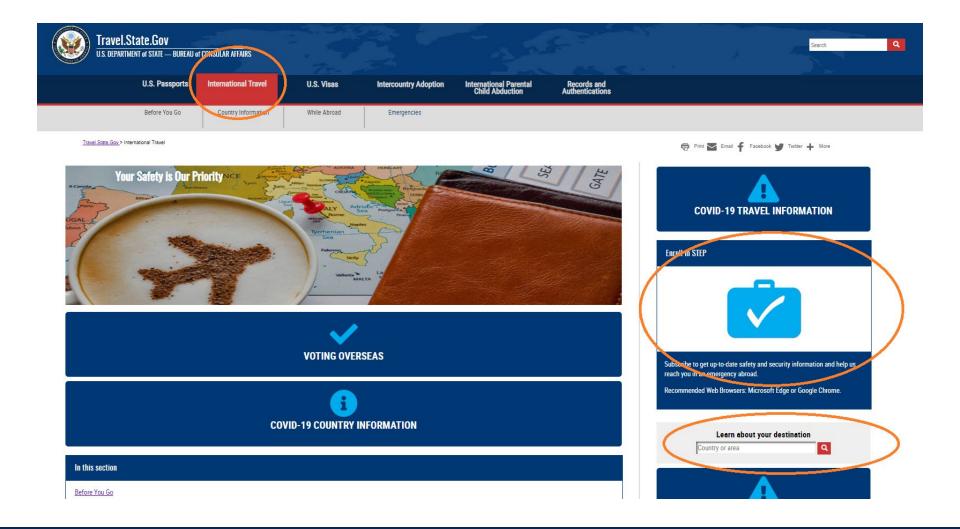








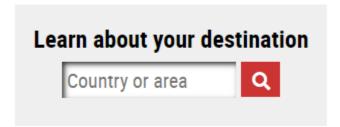
## Get Informed: Visit Travel.State.Gov





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## Learn about your destination at **Travel.State.Gov**:



- Closest embassy/consulate?
- Passport must be valid for how long?
- Recent alerts/advisories?
- Phone numbers for emergencies?
- Specific concerns about crime?
- Prescription medications?
- Road conditions?
- State of relations with the U.S.?



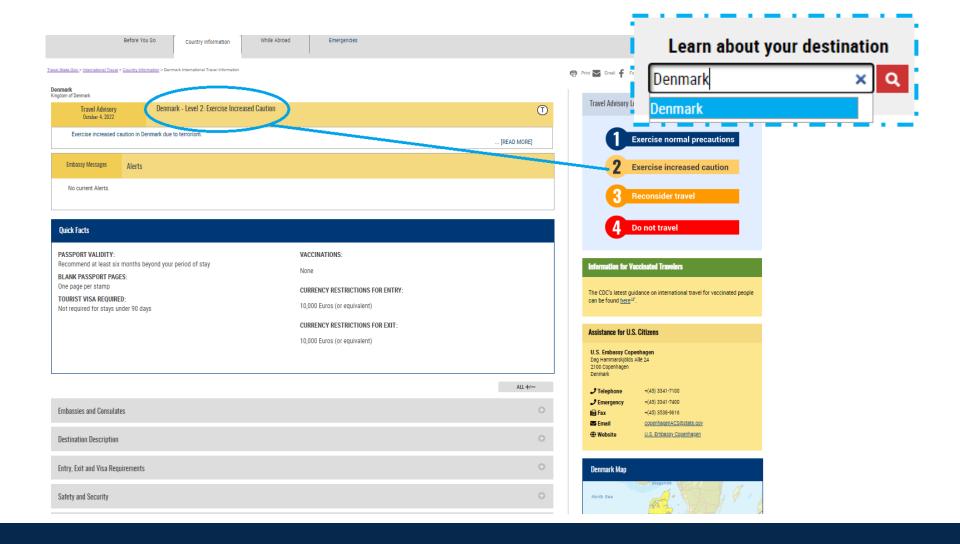
#### **Activity:** Destination Info

## Learn about your destination Country or area

Enter the name of one country in the search box. Scroll through the webpage to answer these questions:

- ☐ Recent advisories/alerts?
- Closest embassy/consulate?
- ☐ Phone numbers for emergencies?
- ☐ Specific concerns about crime?







#### Denmark Kingdom of Denmark Travel Advisory

October 4, 2022

Denmark - Level 2: Exercise Increased Caution





#### Reissued with updates to health information.

Exercise increased caution in Denmark due to terrorism.

Country Summary: Terrorist groups continue plotting possible attacks in Denmark. Terrorists may attack with little or no warning, targeting tourist locations, transportation hubs, markets/shopping malls, local government facilities, hotels, clubs, restaurants, places of worship, parks, major sporting and cultural events, educational institutions, airports, and other public areas.

Read the country information page for additional information on travel to Denmark.

If you decide to travel to Denmark:

- Read the <u>Department of State's COVID-19 page</u> before planning any international travel, and read the <u>Embassy COVID-19 page</u> for country-specific COVID-19 information.
- Be aware of your surroundings when traveling to tourist locations and crowded public venues.
- · Follow the instructions of local authorities.
- · Monitor local media for breaking events and adjust your plans based on new information.
- . Enroll in the Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) to receive Alerts and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Follow the Department of State on Facebook and Twitter.
- · Review the Country Security Report for Denmark.
- Visit the CDC page for the latest <u>Travel Health Information</u> related to your travel.
- . Prepare a contingency plan for emergency situations. Review the Traveler's Checklist.

**Embassy Messages** 



No current Alerts.



#### **Embassies and Consulates**

#### U.S. Embassy Copenhagen

Dag Hammarskjölds Allé 24 2100 Copenhagen Denmark

Telephone: +(45) 3341-7100

Emergency After-Hours Telephone: +(45) 3341-7400

Fax: +(45) 3538-9616

CopenhagenACS@state.gov



#### Safety and Security



- High-profile public events (sporting contests, political rallies, demonstrations, holiday events, celebratory gatherings, etc.)
- . Hotels, clubs, and restaurants frequented by tourists
- · Places of worship
- Schools
- Parke
- · Shopping malls and markets
- Public transportation systems (including subways, buses, trains, ar

For more information, see our Terrorism page.

Crime: Organized crime groups operate in Denmark, including in and arour crime, police may establish "Search Zones" ("visitationszoner" in Danish)

Pickpockets and purse-snatchers operate aggressively in areas frequented cruise ship quays. Do not place any bags containing valuables, such as your passport or credit cards, on the graph laptop and mobile devices, which are particularly desirable to thieves. U.S. citizens are encouraged to review of

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- . Be aware of the local security situation and take appropriate steps to bolster your personal security.
- Monitor media and local information sources, and factor updated information into person, travel plans and activities
- Address specific safety concerns to Danish law enforcement authorities who have responsibility for the safety and security of all residents and visitors.
- · Exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations
- . If stopped by the police, cooperate and be prepared to present identification.

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Demonstrations can be unpredictable, avoid areas around protests and demonstrations

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#### Get Informed

See specific Travel.State.Gov webpages containing additional information for:

LGBTQI+ Travelers

Women Travelers

Travelers with Disabilities



## Get Informed: Tips

 Make copies of passport, itinerary, and U.S. embassy and consulate addresses

- Update vaccinations
- Learn about exchange rate
- Learn about local laws/customs



#### Get Enrolled: STEP

#### Smart Traveler Enrollment Program



step.state.gov



#### Get Enrolled: STEP





Create Account

Log In







#### What is STEP?

The Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP) is a free service to allow U.S. citizens and nationals traveling and living abroad to enroll their trip with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate.

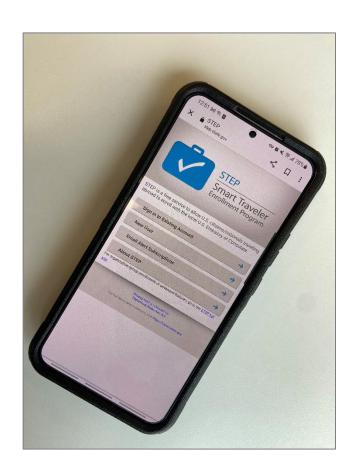
#### Benefits of Enrolling in STEP

- Receive important information from the Embassy about safety conditions in your destination country, helping you make informed decisions about your travel plans.
- Help the U.S. Embassy contact you in an emergency, whether natural disaster, civil unrest, or family emergency.
- Help family and friends get in touch with you in an emergency.

Stay Informed, Stay Connected, Stay Safe!

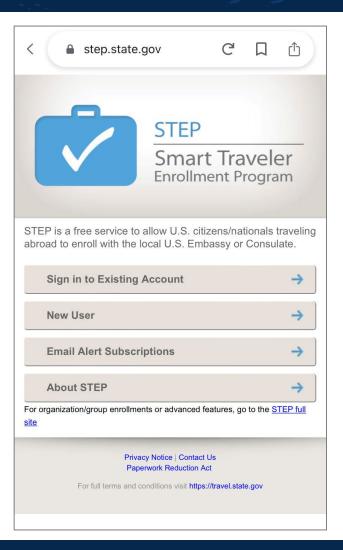


Go to step.state.gov on your mobile phone



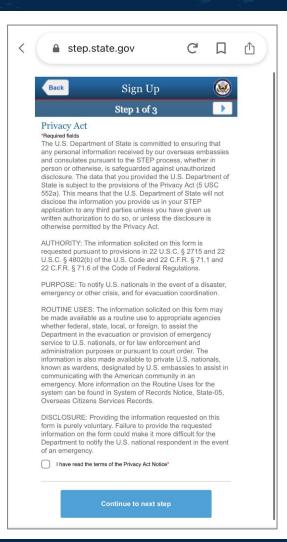


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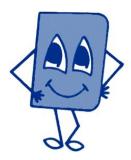




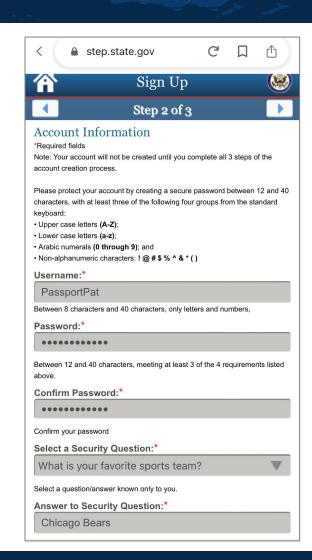
Read the Privacy Act Notice and click the acknowledgement box





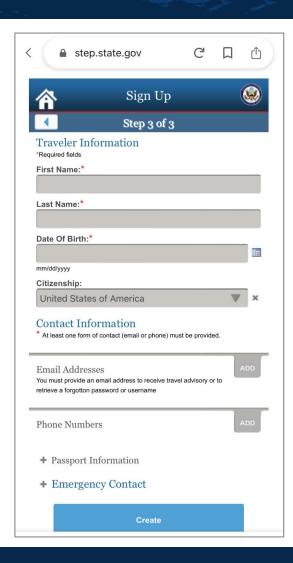


Create a username, password, and answer a security question



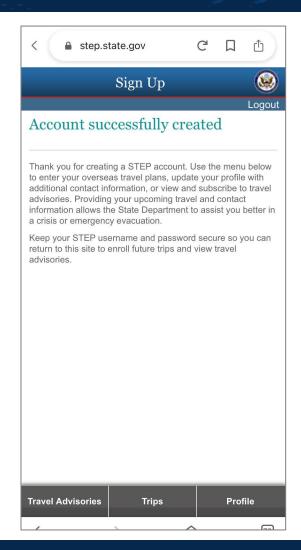


Add your name, date of birth, email address, and phone number(s), then click on "Create"



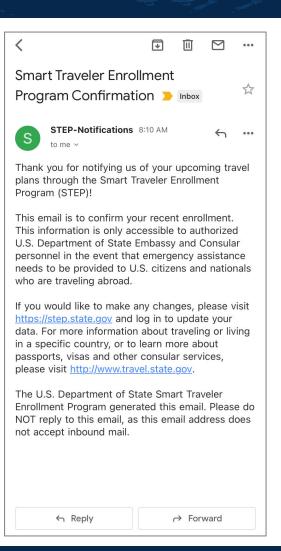


Your STEP account is now successfully created



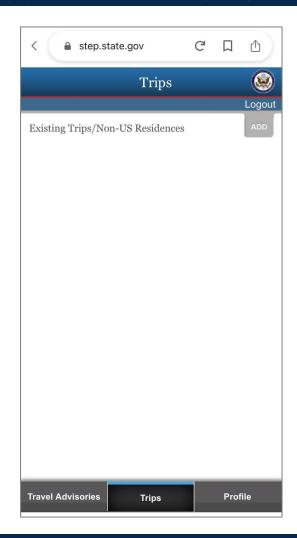


An email confirmation will be sent to you (this can take a few minutes)



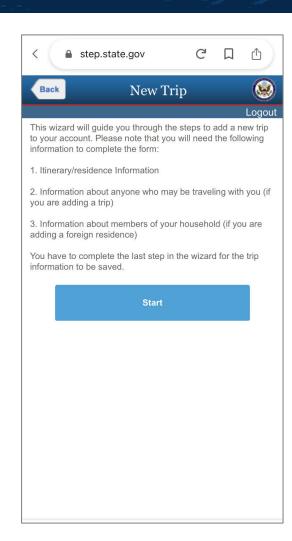


You can click on "Trips" and add your planned destinations



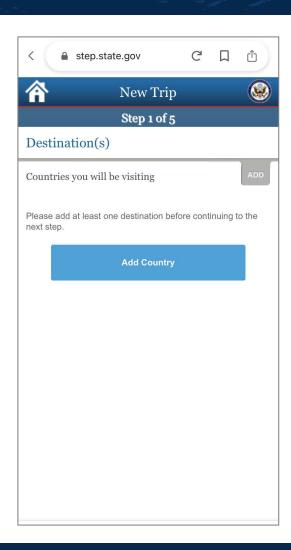


Have your itinerary handy, but you can also change this later as needed



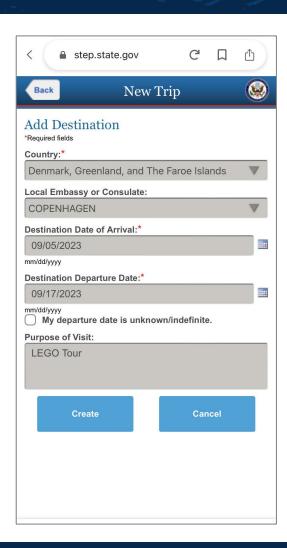


You can add multiple countries, but will do so one at a time



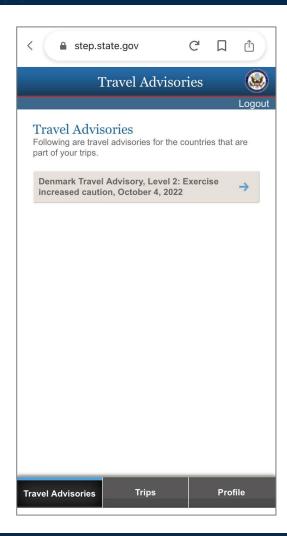


Select the destination from the dropdown menu, and add the travel dates



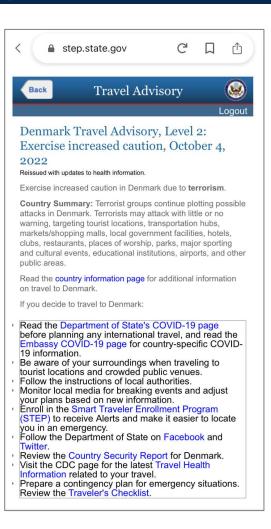


The "Travel Advisories" tab will display any for your destination





Helpful information, and links to more, are displayed here





#### Get Insured

#### Get coverage for:

- Medical expenses U.S. insurance may not cover
- Emergency evacuation
- Trip cancelation or delays
- High adventure travel



> Visit: Travel.State.Gov/Insurance

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## Stay Informed



#### Social Media

✓ Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/travelgov

✓ Twitter: @TravelGov





✓ Instagram: @TravelGov





#### More Information

✓ Phone: 1-877-487-2778

✓ Website: Travel.State.Gov

✓ Website: studentsabroad.state.gov

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## Jobs?



### Passport Agency Locations

There are 29 Passport Agencies/Centers around the country.





#### **Embassy/Consulate Locations**

There are over 200 U.S. Embassies and Consulates around the world.





#### Work for the U.S. Department of State

#### The Department of State is hiring!

- Pathways program for recent graduates:
   careers.state.gov/interns-fellows/pathways-programs/
- General info: careers.state.gov
- Also visit: usajobs.gov



#### **Consular Fellows:**

Live and work overseas as part of a U.S. Mission