

RV Know How

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Traveling Papers

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Your papers please? Even RV travelers can't escape the need to have certain documents and papers with them. And it seems that the further they travel from home and the longer they will be gone, the more papers they need to take with them. You might want to consider the following when packing your papers:

Identification Papers. Traveling throughout the lower 48 states shouldn't require more than a driver's license and perhaps a second piece of photo identification.

Crossing the borders into and out of Canada and Mexico, though, isn't as easy as it used to be. Chances are you will be asked for proof of your identification and citizenship.

Passports will soon be required of all U.S. citizens traveling between the United States, Canada and Mexico. Check the U.S. Department of State website for up-to-date passport requirements www.travel.state.gov or call the National Passport Information Center at 877-487-2778

Naturalized citizens should be prepared to show a naturalization certificate or evidence of U.S. citizenship. Permanent residents of the United States who are not citizens should carry their Resident Alien Card.

Children should also have identification. A certified copy of their birth certificates should suffice.

Parental Consent Papers. Law enforcement officials today are understandably concerned with child abduction. It is a good idea for a divorced parent traveling with

children to carry a notarized statement of custody and a copy of the divorce papers. When traveling with children who are not your own, carry a notarized statement by the parents granting permission for the child(ren) to travel with you. The statement should specifically give permission for the child(ren) to travel to another country if that is your plan. It may also help to have a notarized statement by the parents granting permission for you to authorize medical treatment for the child(ren).

Medical Papers. Discuss your travel plans with your physician and ask for a letter summarizing your medical condition and treatment. You can show the letter to other doctors or medical providers if it becomes necessary.

Carry copies of your pharmaceutical and eyeglass prescriptions. It will make it easier to get refills on the road.

Contact your health insurance provider. Ask what you have to do to obtain insurance coverage if you become sick or injured while traveling. Make a note of their instructions and any applicable phone numbers.

Carry a list of the medications you are taking, your health insurance card and the name and phone number of your physician in your wallet.

Carry notarized originals of your Living Will (or Advance Health-Care Directive) and Power of Attorney for Health Care. Some states and health-care providers require notarized originals, some do not. This is too serious an issue to have to wait for the original papers to be retrieved and sent to you.

Carry your organ donor card in your wallet.

Ownership Papers. Vehicle registration and proof of insurance should be carried in the appropriate vehicle(s). You may also want to carry the ownership title(s)... just in case you decide to trade vehicles while on the road.

Financial Papers. Depending upon the time and distance you will be traveling you may want to carry papers having to do with bank accounts, CDs, stocks, bonds, and other investments. Copies of tax forms for the past few years will help you to obtain credit (for purchasing that new RV?) while away from home.

Animal Papers. Ask your veterinarian to give you a Health Certificate for your dog or cat if you intend to take it out of the country, and especially if you want to bring it back into the United States. Dogs and cats will need a veterinarian's certificate showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies during the preceding 36 months. Don't be surprised if some government campgrounds ask to see the rabies certificate before renting you a campsite.

Paper Safety. Keep most or all of these papers in a fire-resistant safe in your RV. The safe can be made theft-resistant by bolting it to the floor in a concealed location of your RV. Make sure you transfer the contents of the RV safe to your house safe when you arrive home.

Paper Copies. Losing a purse or wallet can be twice as inconvenient when you are traveling. Locate a copy machine. Make two copies of your drivers license, credit cards, insurance cards and any other important papers in your wallet. Make a note on the copies of the telephone numbers you should call if the items are lost or stolen. Put one copy in your RV safe and the other in a safe place at home. If you do lose your wallet or purse, you now have the information you need to cancel the lost documents and arrange for duplicates.

While you are copying the contents of your wallet(s), make copies of the important papers in your RV safe. Hide one copy in a safe location in your RV or transportation vehicle and put the other in a safe place at home.

Now, when you are asked for your papers, you are ready!

Enjoy the Journey!

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