



British
High Commission
Nicosia



Travelling with Children - Cyprus

Travelling with children abroad

The [UK Border force](#) has advice for those travelling to the UK with children & additional advice is available at '[Get Permission to take a child abroad](#)'. Other countries' immigration rules, however, may require parents or those travelling with children to carry documentary evidence to prove their relationship with the child or permission from parents or guardians to take the child out of the country.

Things to consider when travelling with children in and out of Cyprus

Parents are advised to seek the consent of the other parent before leaving the country. Although there is no law that prevents one parent taking the child out of the country, either parent can place their child/children on a 'Stop File', via the Cypriot Immigration authorities, to prevent them leaving the country.

A parent, who decides to leave Cyprus with his or her children without first seeking the approval of the other parent, or in breach of a custody court order, could be subject to criminal prosecution and may find themselves charged with abduction.

Custody law in Cyprus

Under Cypriot law, similar to that of the UK, parents have equal parental responsibility over their children. Therefore, in the absence of a court order, parents have equal rights and responsibilities over the care of a child. If parents cannot

agree how to share parental authority, either parent may ask the court to decide.

Cyprus (excluding the northern part of Cyprus) and the United Kingdom are both signatories to the [1980 Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction](#). This is an international agreement which primarily aims to ensure the return of an abducted child to the country where he or she normally lives (Habitual Residence), so that issues of residency (custody) and contact (access) may be resolved. This Convention aims to protect the rights of parents and children by preventing one parent from taking a child from its country of residence without the knowledge or consent of the other.

For more information about the [Hague Convention & Child Abduction](#), and a list of [member countries](#).

Further help/advice

Reunite

Reunite is a charity in the UK that offers a specialist mediation service to help parents reach solutions that are acceptable to them both and which are focused on the best interest of their child. [Advice line & Website](#).

UK International Child Abduction and Contact Unit (ICACU)

Located at the Ministry of Justice, ICACU is the Central Authority for the Hague Convention for England and Wales. [Find help to get your child back from abroad or arrange](#)





British
High Commission
Nicosia

contact' or Telephone: +44 (0) 203 681 2608. For Scotland
& Northern Ireland.

Ministry of Justice and Public Order of the Government of Cyprus

The International Legal Cooperation Unit is the Cypriot
Authority for the Hague Convention. Telephone & Website.

Applying for a British Passport for children

The British High Commission no longer issues full validity
passports. For information on how to apply for a British
passport while in Cyprus please visit.

Emergency Travel Documents

Should your passport be lost, stolen or have recently expired
and you need to travel urgently, the British High Commission
can issue an Emergency Travel Document for travel to
specified countries. Please contact the High Commission on
(+357) 22861100 to discuss your options with a Consular
Officer. If you apply for a child under 16, they'll need to
attend an appointment. Both parents should go with
them if possible. If one parent (or any other person with
Parental Responsibility) cannot attend the ETD appointment,
they'll need to sign a consent letter. **Children requesting
Emergency Travel Documents will require the written
authorisation of both parents.**

Consular Services Provided



How to contact us in Cyprus:



Consular Section
British High Commission
Alexander Pallis Street
Nicosia 1587
Cyprus

Telephone: (+357) 22861100
(24 hour contact number)

Fax: (+357) 22861200

E-Mail

Website

Cyprus Travel Advice

*Disclaimer: The inclusion of contact details for organisations and
institutions within this Foreign & Commonwealth leaflet should not be
taken as an endorsement of them or their aims by the FCO. The FCO
cannot be held responsible for any incorrect or incomplete information
provided by a third party or any action taken on that advice.*

*Every care has been taken to ensure the accuracy of this information is
correct at time of printing (May 2017). If you have any feedback on this
leaflet, please e-mail us at: Nicosia.consular@fco.gov.uk*

