



# Safety Alert

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**ALERT 98-30**

## Family Passports

### WHAT HAPPENED:

A Senior Tool pusher had a massive heart attack on the overseas rig to which he was assigned. He was rushed to the hospital in critical condition. The employer contacted his wife to make arrangements for her to travel to the country so she could be with him. Unfortunately, she did not have a current passport. It will take a minimum of 2 days for her to get her passport. Meanwhile, his condition was not improving.

### CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

1. Make sure that all international employee's spouse and children have current passports in case the company needs to medivac them to the country where the employee is ill or injured.
2. For American citizens within the U.S., contact your local post office. You can obtain the correct application and instructions from them.
3. For Canadian citizens, please contact the nearest Canadian embassy or consulate for information. In Canada, contact the Passport Service at 994-3500 (Ottawa-Hull and area), 283-2152 (Montreal and area), 973-3251 (Toronto and area), 586-2500 (Vancouver and area) or 1-800-567-6868 (Tollfree)
4. For all other passports please contact the embassy or consulate nearest you for information.
5. The best medicine a company can provide for this employee now is his family.

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