

## Border Kit

As a temporary visitor, the retiree or business visitor must maintain a residence in Canada, because he or she cannot intend to reside permanently in the United States. To avoid problems when you enter as a visitor, including the possibility that you are refused entry, you should carry a Border Kit with you to prove you have a residence in Canada and that you intend to return to your home in Canada. At KeatsConnelly we suggest that you include the following items in your Border Kit.

- Most recent phone and other utility bills
- Most recent property tax notice, if you own, or rental agreement if you rent
- Most recently filed Canadian tax return (T1) and nonresident US forms filed, such as Form 8840 or 1040NR
- Valid provincial driver's license and health insurance card
- Proof of employment, if still employed (e.g. latest pay stub)
- Return plane ticket, if flying

Do not carry any items that may indicate U.S. residency such as a U.S. driver's license, mail showing a U.S. address, U.S. bank credit cards, etc.

You can find out more about the Border Kit, as well as red flags when crossing the border in the [Border Guide](#).

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