



Getting a Passport at the Passport Agency

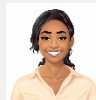
A Social Story Guide



Why We Need a Passport



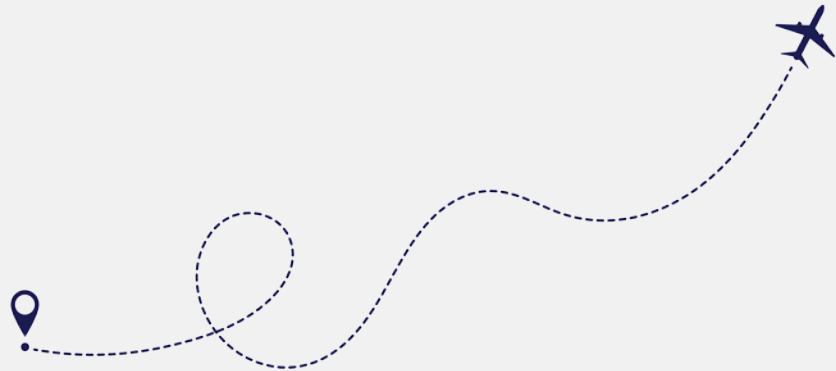
We need a passport to travel to other countries. A passport is a special book that tells other countries who we are. It has our picture and information about us. It also has pages that may be stamped when we enter a different country.



Prepare to Apply



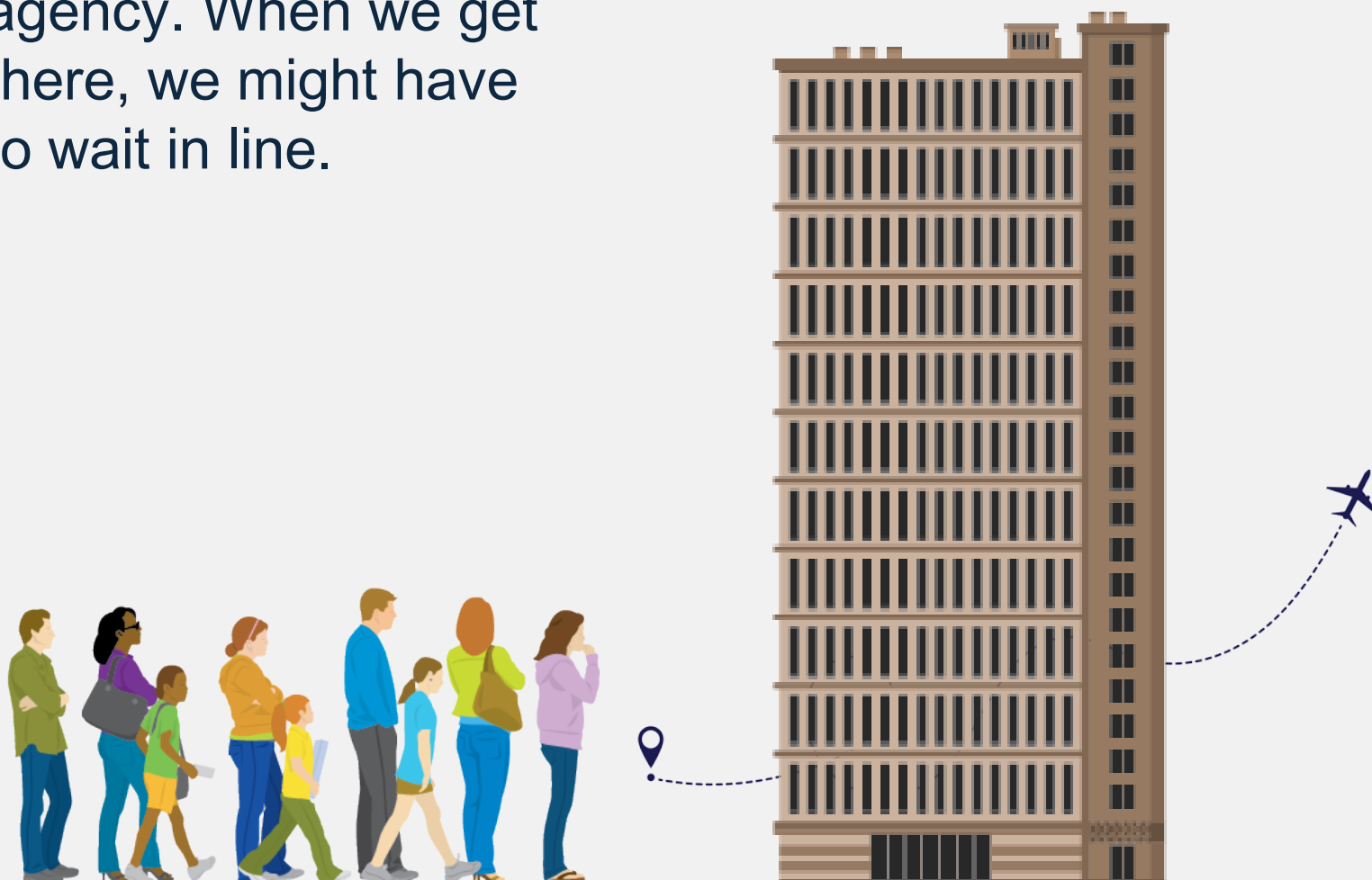
Before we go to the passport agency, we need to gather some important papers, fill out an application, and get our picture taken. We need to bring money to pay for the passport. It's important to have all these things ready before we go.



At the Passport Agency



We will go to a place called the passport agency. When we get there, we might have to wait in line.



Going through Security



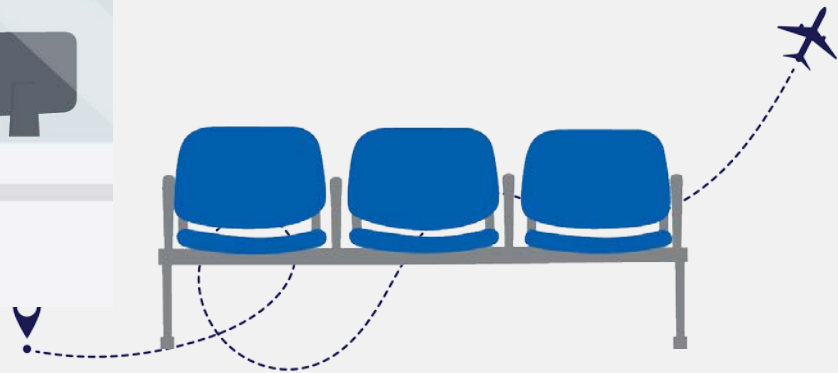
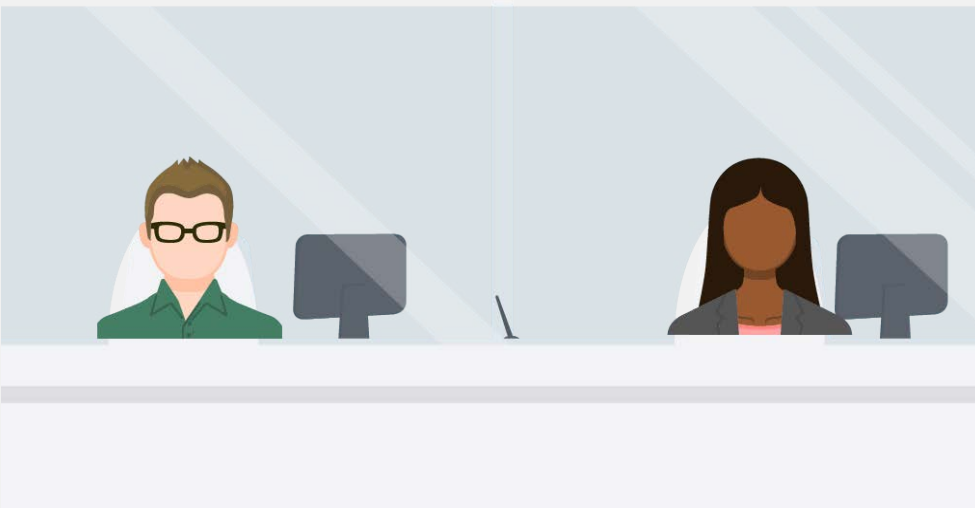
We will go through a security check to keep everyone safe. Everything we bring will go through an X-ray machine, and people will walk through a scanner doorway. Uniformed officers will explain what to do.



Checking In



After security, we will check in with a person who checks for our appointment and that our application is ready. We'll receive a number and find a seat in the lobby to wait.





Waiting Our Turn

We will wait in the lobby for our number to be called. It may be crowded with other people and possibly loud. We may see and hear numbers being called over the speaker or television screens. We can bring items like books, toys, or headphones with us to help us wait our turn. A restroom is available if needed while we wait.





Meeting the Passport Worker

When our number is called, we will meet a passport worker. The worker will look at our papers and may ask us some questions. We will pay for our passport, and they will give us a receipt.



Waiting for the Passport

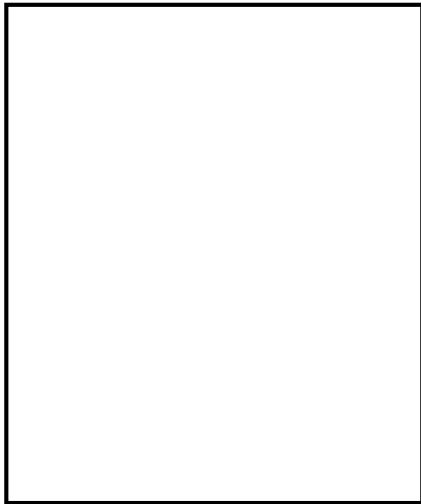


After we finish, we wait for our passport. We may pick it up at the passport agency or it may arrive later in the mail. While we wait, we can plan our trip and think about all the fun things we will do. When our passport arrives, we will be ready to travel!





Draw a
passport photo
of yourself in
the box below



I may feel _____ in the room
while waiting my turn. Here are some things I can
bring or that I can do to feel comfortable while I wait:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

When I receive my passport, I want to travel to
because: