



Family Law

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Congratulations. What a great trip for your children! First, get specific information from your parents – are they driving or flying? If they are flying, the name of the airline and the flight number in both directions is necessary. When are they leaving and when are they returning? What is the telephone number and address of the places they will be resident while in Florida?

Second, once you have this information, contact your wife preferably in writing, to confirm that she is in agreement with this trip proceeding. Are the children missing any school because of this trip, and does she have any concerns about that? Are there any other concerns? For example, are there any scheduled medical/dental appointments during this

period, which would have to be rebooked?

It is a good idea to have three copied sets of the children's health cards, birth certificates and passports, for each of the parents and the grandparents (the originals also travel with the children.)

Finally, you and your wife will need to fill out a detailed travel consent for each child, (preferably, notarized) by a lawyer. Forms can be found at travel.gc.ca/travelling/children/consent-letter. Ensure that you and your wife have a copy and the grandparents have two originals to travel with them, one for each direction.

Completing these steps well ahead of time saves much wear and tear. Bon voyage, and Happy New Year!

Your friends at Shank Law.



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My parents want to take the children to Florida in January. My wife and I are separated. Is there anything that we need to do before they travel?



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