



Update: Florida does not require Canadian drivers to carry an international driving permit

On Thursday, February 14, 2013, news broke that the state of Florida passed a law, effective January 1, 2013, that requires all non U.S. residents, including Canadians, to carry a valid international driver's permit (IDP). After much conversation, it appears that this law will be overturned for Canadian citizens sometime in July 2013.

In the meantime, the law is being officially suspended as it relates to Canadians. This means that Canadians will not be expected to have an IDP by either Florida law enforcement or Canadian insurance carriers. To clarify, if you have a car accident in Florida and do not have an IDP, you will still be covered by your insurance policy.

Given this new information, we feel confident that Canadian citizens will not need to acquire an IDP to drive legally in the state of Florida.

Additional Information: International Driving Permit

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