



# BURSCH TRAVEL

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## THE BUSINESS LEAD

### ABOUT US

In today's fast-paced corporate world, managing travel can be a daunting task. At Bursch Travel, we are dedicated to ensuring that all your travel arrangements are not only worry-free but also cost-effective. Our corporate travel department stands at the forefront of business travel management, providing comprehensive services that cater to every need of your business. From up-to-date travel information and cutting-edge technology to detailed cost analyses and unbeatable travel packages, we have you covered. Our commitment to personal service and our 24-hour emergency hotline guarantee that your travel experiences are seamless and efficient.

BURSCH CORPORATE  
NEWSLETTER

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With our team of experts, you'll benefit from the latest technology and the most competitive fares available, thanks to continuous fare monitoring. We offer a wide range of services, including individual traveler profiles, advance seat assignments, and complete travel solutions for airlines, hotels, and car rentals. Additionally, we provide valuable resources such as travel insurance, travel guides, and passport assistance to ensure that every aspect of your journey is taken care of.

Partner with us to develop effective procedures to control your travel costs. Our Customer Needs Analysis, Expert Travel Management Reports, and Customized Company Travel Policies are designed to optimize your travel budget while maintaining high standards of service. Quarterly management reports will keep you informed and in control of your travel expenditures. At Bursch Travel, we are committed to delivering excellence in corporate travel management, helping you achieve your business goals with ease.



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MIKE DAVIDSON



### To my fellow travelers,

I understand the challenges of managing business travel, having been in your position. Our goal at Bursch Travel is to make your travel management seamless and stress-free. You've made the right choice in partnering with us. Our highly trained staff handles your travel arrangements, saving your team time and ensuring focus on core business tasks. We continuously find the best value, often saving you money, and provide detailed reports to ensure compliance and identify cost-saving opportunities.

Our team goes the extra mile, checking for better rates, reissuing tickets, and proactively addressing travel issues.

We maximize the value of unused tickets, even those self-booked. At Bursch Travel, you're not just a number. We offer personalized service, reliable emergency support, and prioritize personal connections over automated systems. We are committed to your travel success and satisfaction.

Happy Travels,

*Mike Davidson*

# PASSPORT RENEWAL

PASSPORT UPDATE FROM US STATE DEPT.

BY PATRICK CLARKE  
-TRAVEL PULSE

## Renewing Your U.S. Passport Just Got Easier!

The State Department has reopened its online renewal portal with a beta program to speed up processing for travelers meeting certain criteria. This limited launch aims to avoid issues faced last summer, with only a select number of applicants accepted daily. Mail renewals are still available.

To renew online, travelers must be U.S. citizens and residents aged 25 or older with a 10-year passport issued within the last nine to 15 years. They cannot request changes to their name, gender, date of birth, or place of birth and must not be traveling internationally for at least eight weeks from the application date.



Payments can be made via credit card, debit card, or ACH, and a digital passport photo in JPEG format is required. The current passport must not be lost, stolen, or damaged. There's no timeline for when this beta rollout might become a permanent option.



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LINK TO THE ONLINE RENEWAL PORTAL

# REAL ID

ARE YOU READY?

BY GERI BAIN  
-ASTA

## REAL ID Compliance for Air Travel

Starting May 7, 2025, travelers using state-issued IDs or driver's licenses to fly within the U.S. must ensure they are REAL ID compliant to pass TSA security. Check with your state's DMV to see if your ID has the necessary REAL ID star marking or is an Enhanced Driver's License (EDL) from Washington, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, or Vermont.

To obtain a REAL ID, you'll need to provide documents showing your full legal name, date of birth, Social Security number, two proofs of address, and lawful status. Requirements vary by state, so check with your local DMV.



## BE REAL ID READY BY **MAY 7, 2025**

### WHAT IS REAL ID?



**It's the law.** The REAL ID Act establishes minimum security standards for license issuance and production.

### WHAT DO I NEED A REAL ID FOR?



Domestic Air Travel



Accessing Certain Federal Buildings/DOD Installations



Entering Nuclear Power Plants

### HOW DO I KNOW IF I HAVE ONE?



Visit our interactive tool at [DHS.GOV/REAL-ID](https://DHS.GOV/REAL-ID) to find out if you're REAL ID ready.

### LOOK FOR A STAR



In general, a REAL ID features a star in the upper right or left corner.

### HOW DO I GET A REAL ID?



- Visit [DHS.GOV/REAL-ID](https://DHS.GOV/REAL-ID) and click on your state or territory
- Look for instructions from your local DMV on the necessary steps

### REAL ID ACCEPTABLE ALTERNATIVE IDENTIFICATION\*



- U.S. Passport or Passport Card
- U.S. Department of Defense ID
- DHS Trusted Traveler Card
- Enhanced Driver's License

### BE READY



**BY MAY 7, 2025**

[DHS.GOV/REAL-ID](https://DHS.GOV/REAL-ID)

\*Visit [DHS.GOV/REAL-ID](https://DHS.GOV/REAL-ID) for the full list.



Children under 18 don't need ID if traveling with an adult who has a REAL ID. Alternative acceptable IDs include passports, DHS trusted traveler cards, and U.S. Department of Defense IDs. For more information, visit the TSA's [REAL ID page](#).



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# SAFETO GO

## PREMIUM DUTY OF CARE

SafeToGo® enables Travel Management Companies (TMCs) to track and locate travelers in real-time, rapidly assessing potential travel or safety issues. The user-friendly dashboard allows clients to access travelers' locations and trajectories on a map, receive alerts about potential risks, and get notifications about flight changes, such as delays or cancellations.

Key features include:

- **Travel Alerts:** Notifications about extreme weather, security, health, earthquakes, and other disturbances.
- **Connection Problems:** Alerts for tight connections (less than 30 mins for domestic, less than 59 mins for international).
- **Flight Updates:** Notifications for delays of 15 mins or more, customizable by company.



### Easy Whole-Business Itinerary Visibility:

Improved visibility and duty of care over travel itineraries. SafeToGo shows traveller locations, trajectories, status and risk level in an easily exportable list.

### Real-Time Traveller Tracking:

Enhanced traveller safety and security through real-time tracking and instant assessment of potential risks in one convenient portal.

### Relevant Flight Notifications:

Ensuring travellers are advised directly (and admins can see) any flight delays, gate changes, cancellations, early departures and more.



### Instant Risk Advice:

Timely, comprehensive travel risk and safety information, enabling informed decision-making and risk management.

### Automated Notification:

Direct email or SMS notification to travellers means not waiting for opening hours or staff involvement in message delivery.

### Peace of Mind:

Know that your travellers are being advised immediately and directly for any flight changes and any risks or inconveniences to their travels.

The program can email clients directly, but we recommend having these communications come from our advisors to maintain a personal touch.



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