

Definition according to the 1951 Geneva Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, a refugee is a person who:

"Being outside their country of citizenship or permanent residence and due to well-founded fears of being persecuted for reasons of race, sexual orientation, religion, nationality, political opinions or belonging to a certain social group, cannot or, because of said fears, does not want to avail themselves to the protection of their country; or return to it "

If you are within Canada or on the Canadian border under any exceptions to the Safe Third Country Agreement, and you believe that you or a member of your family falls within the above definition, then you have a potential Canada Refugee case.

The first step is to put your case in context and perspective, to do this, organize your situation and, if possible, prepare a written testimony about your situation, risks and fears.

Be clear about how you will answer the questions on your border admissibility or include the following in your written testimony if the admissibility will be within Canada.

Describe what happened to you, who threatens or persecutes you, what is or was the reason for this situation, if there are other affected people around you or in a similar situation to yours, indicate dates and names as much as possible.

Also describe what will happen to you if you return to your country, and if you believe that you could be threatened, deprived of your liberty or attacked by any person or group, and what would be the reason for this threat.

State whether you sought protection or assistance from any authority such as the police or from any other authority, institution or entity about your case, if so, be clear about where you went, what steps did you follow, what did you get as a result.

Mention if you belong to any political party or other type of association and also indicate if you moved to another city or area of your country to stay safe.

When and how did you leave your country; why did you leave on that date and not before or after. And if you requested refuge in another country, if you come from the USA, why did you not request refuge there.

Provide details that you consider important for your refuge or protection application, indicate dates, names where possible.