



# 10 Tips: Infant Passport/Photos

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- 1. Call ahead to confirm infant photos are taken.** Some places are not equipped/willing to do infant photos.
- 2. Avoid busy times (and being rushed) if possible.** Employees are less patient if busy.
- 3. Consider naptime.** A tired infant is going to be less cooperative.
- 4. Place a *solid* white sheet/blanket behind infant in car seat or drape adult with sheet and hold infant in adult's lap.** No print or color.
- 5. One adult should stand behind photographer (and interact with child) to encourage child to look straight ahead.** Eyes must be open and looking straight ahead.
- 6. It's not necessary for photo to be complimentary or for child to smile.**
- 7. No evidence of any other person/object** (hands, pacifier) **is allowed in photo.**
- 8. If traveling within 6 months, purchase two *extra* photos (in case of lost/stolen passport when abroad).** Carry separate from actual passport.
- 9. Apply as early as possible for infant passport in case photo is not accepted and must be retaken.**
- 10. Consider asking if it is acceptable to add infant's thumbprint to the signature line.** Some custom officials have mentioned this is a good idea and proves identity.

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